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## Case against Marcos in limbo; seven Filipinos die

NEW YORK, April 18, (AP): A US judge signed an order yesterday separating former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos from an extensive racketeering case for medical reasons.

Federal prosecutors reversed themselves earlier this month and conceded that the 71-year-old deposed president was too ill to stand trial for the foreseeable future.

Marcos has been hospitalised since Jan 15 in Honolulu where he has lived in exile since fleeing his homeland. Marcos suffers from heart, kidney and lung problems.

Prosecutors withdrew their objection to separating Marcos from the case April 6 after a government doctor examined him for the second time. US district judge John Keenan signed an order, placing the case against Marcos in limbo.

Keenan's action did not dismiss the charges against Marcos. The judge noted that the government could resume its case against Marcos if his health should improve although most people close to the case say such a recovery is unlikely.

Meanwhile, about 200 communist guerrillas, firing automatic weapons and grenade launchers, killed six soldiers and a civilian and destroyed an Army supply depot in a dawn raid today in the central Philippines, the military reported.

The raiders also wounded 10 soldiers and captured two others in a 3 1/2 hour gunbattle in the town of Candian in Negros Occidental province.



## Khashoggi arrested in Switzerland

BERN, Switzerland, April 18, (UPI): The Swiss Justice Ministry today announced the arrest of Saudi Arabian businessman Adnan Khashoggi on the basis of an international warrant issued by the United States.

Ministry spokesman Joerg Kistler said Khashoggi will be held in prison pending hearings and a decision on an expected US extradition request.

"We assume that he will appeal all the way to the (Swiss) supreme court against extradition," Kistler said.

A ministry statement said the billionaire Saudi businessman was charged March 9 by the US district court for the southern district of New York and an international arrest warrant was issued March 24 by magistrate Naomi Buchwald.

Khashoggi was charged with illegal criminal actions involving New York real estate holdings of former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos.

There were also allegations concerning precious painting which disappeared from the Metropolitan Museum in Manila in February, 1986, after the change of power in the Philippines.

The ministry statement said that Khashoggi was arrested in a hotel in Bern this morning on orders of the federal police bureau which in turn was acting on the basis of the US warrant.

Khashoggi now has 10 days in which to ask for release from provisional detention while the United States has 60 days in which to make a formal extradition request, the statement said.

## Bahrain establishes diplomatic ties with China

BAHRAIN, April 18, (Agencies): Bahrain today established diplomatic relations with China and Arab diplomats said Saudi Arabia will soon do so as well.

The Bahrain Foreign Ministry said in a statement the decision underlined a "desire to foster the bonds of friendship and co-operation" between Manama and Beijing.

It said the move was also designed to develop bilateral ties "to serve mutual interests on the basis of reciprocal respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, peaceful coexistence, equality and non-interference in the internal affairs" of both countries.

China is the first communist country to have ties with Bahrain.

Arab diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Saudis were expected to exchange diplomatic ties with Beijing in the near future.

The decision followed several days of intensive negotiations in Bahrain between Bahraini officials and China's Ambassador to Kuwait, Guan Zi Huai.

## Rail tragedy

Many die as train derails in India

By Diane Diaz Arab Times staff

AT least 32 people were killed and more than 100 injured when 14 cars of a Delhi-bound passenger train derailed in central India yesterday.

Indian news agencies told the Arab Times that the casualty report from the site of the ill-fated Karnataka Express train was likely to grow substantially as rescue workers rushed to the scene.

Local railway officials were calling it a major accident and expected it to climb.

The United News of India office in Delhi said at least 12 people died at the scene. Another 20 reportedly died after being transported to hospital.

In addition, many of the injured were in critical condition as they were taken to hospital in Lalitpur. By yesterday evening more than 100 victims had been admitted there, according to UNI.

The 21-car train left the southern city of Bangalore Monday and was still seven hours away from Delhi when the derailment occurred at about 2.30 pm Indian Standard Time.

The cars went off track between Lalitpur and Salwar stations, about 90 kilometres from Jhansi in Madhya Pradesh State.

UNI said the details were sketchy, as the accident damaged telephone lines in the area.

There were no immediate reports on what caused the train to derail.

India's Railway Minister Madhav Rao Scindia had gone to the site shortly after receiving word of the accident and was supervising rescue and relief operations.

Though the official death toll stood at 32, unofficial reports varied dramatically up to 200.

Teams of ambulances carrying doctors and medicine were sent to the site from the neighbouring towns of Jhansi and Rina, United News of India said.

India's most recent major rail disaster was in July last year when nine carriages of the Bangalore-Trivandrum express jumped the rails as it neared Trivandrum at the end of an overnight journey.

About 150 people died as the carriages plunged off a bridge into the monsoon-swollen waters of Ashtamuddy Lake in south India's Kerala state.

Frogs from the Cockin naval base jumped into the lake from helicopters to pull bodies from carriages submerged in the swirling waters.

India's worst rail disaster was in 1981 when a train plunged into a river in eastern India, killing at least 300 people.

## Fighter crashes

HAVANA, April 18, (Reuter): A MIG-21 fighter jet crashed into the eastern Cuban city of Holguin today, the Prensa Latina news agency said.

It said some casualties were feared but gave no details. The crash of the Soviet-made Cuban military plane occurred shortly after 9 am (1300 GMT).

## Escape route cut as Beirut blitzed

League committee to meet on Friday

BEIRUT, April 18, (Agencies): Hundreds of people fleeing the blitz of Beirut found their escape route cut when rockets smashed into Jounieh port as they waited to board a ferry to safety on a night of ferocious shelling that turned the sky red.

"It was a horrific scene. Women and children fell to the floor screaming. People stepped on each other as shells fell," said one woman.

Witnesses said the Cyprus-bound ferry remained offshore as panic-stricken people raced to Lebanese Forces militia armoured personnel carriers which took them from the port in Lebanon's Christian enclave.



A family flees West Beirut after ferocious shelling on Monday night. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Collaborators killed in occupied areas

US guarantees rejected

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 18, (Agencies): Assaults killed three Palestinians and wounded three more in attacks late yesterday on Arabs suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities in the occupied territories, Palestinian sources said today.

A fourth Palestinian died last evening when he was electrocuted while trying to raise an outlawed Palestinian flag on an electric pole in the Gaza village of Bani Sueia, the sources said.

In the Zeitun neighbourhood of the Gaza Strip, three gunmen broke into a Palestinian home apparently searching for a 25-year-old woman suspected of prostitution and collaboration, the Palestinian sources said. The gunmen opened fire, killing two of her relatives, a man and a woman.

Salah Khalaf, told the Tunisian newspaper Al Shourouq that he expected the United States to propose elections in the occupied territories at talks with the PLO within two weeks.

"They will bring up the elections idea, like the plan of (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Shamir. We are not against elections in the West Bank and Gaza, but not in the shadow of the occupation," he said.

Leaders of the Palestinian uprising have also rejected Israel's plans for elections in the occupied territories.

Shamir said yesterday he opposed Arab residents of East Jerusalem participating in elections in the occupied territories and vowed the balloting would not lead to an independent Palestinian state.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is due to hold talks with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar this week in Geneva, United Nations officials said today.

An uneasy calm prevailed in Beirut today after a night of artillery, mortar bomb and rocket exchanges which lit up the night sky over the Lebanese capital.

At least eight people were killed and 24 wounded in Muslim West Beirut while Christian radio stations said two people were killed and 30 wounded in the eastern Christian sector.

At least 231 people have been killed and 679 wounded in five weeks of artillery battles between soldiers loyal to Christian Army commander Michel Aoun and Syrian forces backed by Muslim and leftist militias.

The United States has stepped up its criticism of Syria's role in the shelling of Beirut, condemning indiscriminate attacks that have killed the Spanish ambassador and others in recent days.

"We are appalled by the continued exchanges of indiscriminate shelling in Beirut by all sides and the resulting deaths," including that Sunday of Spanish envoy Don Pedro Manuel de Aristegui, 61, spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Headed: "All parties, including Syria which is a direct participant in the artillery exchanges which cause so much death and destruction, must stop the fighting and abide by the Arab League's call for a ceasefire."

The United States, which at various times has taken a strong and direct role in trying to bring peace to Lebanon, currently is withholding active involvement despite calls by some Lebanese for intervention.

The Arab League will hold an emergency meeting in Tunis on Friday to discuss ways of stopping the killing in Beirut, Arab government officials said today.

Most Arab states agreed to the emergency meeting, the government officials said.

The six-man Arab League panel chaired by Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed will try to seek a political solution to the Lebanese crisis that will lead eventually to a restoration of constitutional normalcy, the officials said.

Last Friday, the committee completed the last of five fact-finding meetings with Lebanese factions and on Sunday began drafting proposals to be submitted to the League.

Diplomats said the three main problems the committee had to tackle, in addition to ending the current battles, were:

- How to elect a new president.
- How to get foreign troops to withdraw.
- How to reform a sectarian political system now favouring the Christians.

French aid workers today evacuated 70 wounded Muslims from West Beirut to a hospital ship anchored off the southern coast of Lebanon.



## Hussein in US

The United States was expected to seek King Hussein's backing for Israeli-proposed elections in the occupied territories during the visit by the Jordanian monarch.

Hussein, accompanied by his wife Queen Noor, is the third Middle East leader to come to Washington in the past two weeks as part of an effort by the new Bush administration to revive the Middle East peace process.

The King arrived yesterday evening. Hussein is to meet President Bush at the White House tomorrow and Secretary of State James Baker on Thursday.

Baker received Hussein on his arrival in Washington.

## Zia's pilot arrested on drug charge

ISLAMABAD, April 18, (Reuter): Pakistani authorities investigating international drug trafficking and money laundering have arrested a former pilot of late military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq's plane, the official APP news agency said.

It identified the man as retired Army Major Farooq Hamid who it said was arrested on Sunday night at Rawalpindi, near Islamabad.

The agency said the arrest followed investigations by narcotics control authorities into what it called an "international gang of drug traffickers and money launderers."

"The gang has its offshoots in Dubai, London, Norway and Pakistan," APP said.

It did not say if any formal charges had been made against Hamid.

## Man convicted Killer of Kuwaitis

BARTOW, Florida, April 18, (AP): A man convicted of slaying six people, including two from Kuwait, at a shopping centre west as relatives testifying at his sentencing described how he cared for his mother and ailing wife.

It was the first public display of emotion by William Bryan Cruse during the long trial and his numerous court appearances for the shooting rampage in Palm Bay two years ago that claimed the lives of two police officers and four other people, two of whom were from Kuwait.

Cruse, 61, was convicted on April 5 on 32 counts of murder, attempted murder and kidnapping. The jury that found him guilty must recommend to circuit judge John Antonio whether Cruse should be sentenced to death or life in prison.

Cruse cried when this niece, Rebecca Thompson of Lexington, Kentucky, told jurors that he doted on his wife, who had Parkinson's disease.

"He was always there for her," Rebecca said. "They never had children, but they had each other."

## Al Rai Al Aam suspended

KUWAIT, April 18, (Reuter): The government suspended Al Rai Al Aam daily newspaper for one week for violating censorship rules, a ministry of information official said today.

The paper did not appear today because it failed to submit stories to the censor the government had placed in every newspaper office, he said.

The government imposed censorship on the country's press, once among the Arab world's most dynamic, in 1986 following series of sabotage acts in the country and pressure from the Iraqis.

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## Plans to boost economy

Kuwait will develop financial sector

KUWAIT, April 18, (Reuter): Aided by a team of young Kuwaiti and American economists, Kuwait is planning a series of wide-ranging reforms to boost its flagging economy and become a major financial centre.

Under the reforms drafted by the economists, Kuwait would direct regional oil wealth to investments around the world.

It would also gradually switch away from a manufacturing base heavily reliant on cheap, imported labour to training a corps of skilled, well-paid, Kuwaitis.

The sector to encourage first is the financial sector, which has the most immediate potential," said Mohammed Al Sabah, a Harvard-educated economist who led the project.

The team of economists, drawn mainly from Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Kuwait University, unveiled part of the plan at a public meeting recently.

The project was conceived by the Kuwaiti Finance Ministry in 1985, three years after the Souk Al Manakh stock market crash and a sharp decline in

oil revenues left the country's financial sector in tatters.

Its conclusions, including increased reliance on the private sector, are being incorporated into a 1990-1995 five-year plan now being drawn up by the Ministry of Planning.

The study proposed directing a small amount of Kuwait's oil sales through local investment houses to help them build up their expertise.

"The oil business is not only extracting oil and pumping it to port, but also shipping, financing and insuring it," Sabah said. "Oil is not only oil, it is high finance, too."

Kuwait's oil revenues of more than \$6 billion a year has given the country one of the highest per capita incomes in the world.

In the past 25 years, the government's Kuwait Investment Authority has been pumping surplus oil income into foreign firms, real estate and bonds.

"I think there is a general verdict that we have proved not to be dumb investors... we have proved to be suitable players," Sabah said.



Progress made in talks with Turkey

## US seeks to modernise bases

ANKARA, April 18, (Reuters): The United States is making progress in talks with Turkey on modernising intelligence bases near the Soviet Union, a diplomatic source said yesterday.

Washington wants to install more powerful equipment at the southeastern Pirinlik base, which monitors Soviet missile launch sites, and improve airport landing systems at Sinop, a code-breaking and eavesdropping centre on the Black Sea coast.

"There has been some progress in the past nine

months," one source said. The United States receives base facilities in return for aid.

Talks on modernisation only started in earnest after Turkey, a NATO member, agreed in February 1988 to extend its defence and economic co-operation agreement with Washington to 1990.

It had delayed ratification following disagreement over proposed cuts in US aid and congressional support for Armenian claims of Turkish genocide against their people in 1915.

## Bomb seized in probe of terrorists explodes, 1 dies

WIESBADEN, West Germany, April 18, (AP): A bomb similar to the one that blew up Pan Am Flight 103 exploded yesterday and killed an officer at federal police headquarters, where investigators were at work on a case involving suspected Palestinian terrorists.

Another policeman was critically wounded, according to Arno Falk, spokesman for the Bundeskriminalamt, the federal police bureau.

Neither the killed officer nor his injured colleague was immediately identified.

Meanwhile, the federal prosecutor's office said it had evidence contradicting US media reports that a Lebanese-American passenger inadvertently carried the bomb aboard the Pan Am jet that caused it to explode over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec 21.

It was not immediately clear whether the bomb that exploded yesterday was seized in connection with the Pan Am investigation, but the manner in which the explosives were disguised was reported to be similar.

Asked how police obtained the radio-bomb that exploded yesterday, Falk said: "I know, but we cannot say. This is in connection with our previous investigation, but we cannot say more than that."

He referred to an investigation into the seizure last October of weapons and explosives found during raids of suspected Palestinian hideouts in Frankfurt.

## 23 sailors rescued

BOSTON, April 18, (AP): Two sailors were missing last evening after a 652-foot (198-metre) freighter en route from Greece apparently sank in rough seas 400 miles (644 kilometres) south-east of Cape Cod. Twenty-three crew members were rescued.

The 23 sailors from the Star of Alexandria were found on a lifeboat and picked up by the merchant ship Ravenscraig. Coast Guard petty officer Randy Midgett said in New York.

## Police break up strikes in Puchon

175 workers arrested

SEOUL, April 18, (AP): Korean riot police firing tear-gas stormed four factories held by strikers today and arrested 175 workers as the government warned it would use troops to keep vital industries running if labour unrest spreads.

Police officials said riot troops seized four factories at dawn today in Puchon on the western outskirts of Seoul after strikers refused to surrender. Some strikers hurled firebombs and rocks at the riot police, but police officials said they had no reports of serious injuries.

The factories seized produced electronic parts and machinery. The government has warned that a growing wave of strikes threatens South Korea's political stability and the economy. Thousands of workers are pressing for higher wages, better working conditions and other concessions.

**Overthrow**  
Radical students calling for the overthrow of President Roh Tae-Woo's government held campus protests in Seoul and other cities today on the eve of the anniversary of an April 19, 1960, student uprising. Some

18,000 riot police were mobilised in Seoul to prevent violent protests, officials said. Riot police stormed the Seoul office of a government lawmaker today and overpowered eight students who had attacked the office with firebombs and then occupied it, officials said.

Prime Minister Kang Young-Hoon and key government ministers issued orders today to use troops and military equipment to keep vital industries running. Kang said dissidents fomenting labour unrest would be sternly punished.

**Troops**  
Officials said troops would operate power plants, defence factories and other facilities if necessary, but there were no immediate plans to deploy military forces. Civilian government workers would also help if necessary, they said.

Government officials said labour unrest was spreading and charged militant unions were attempting to organise a nationwide strike to mark the May 1 international labour holiday. Union leaders have denied government charges they are planning a general strike.

Iran-Contra affair

## US envoy had 'no role'

WASHINGTON, April 18, (UPI): The ambassador to Lebanon at the time of the Iran-Contra affair said yesterday he had no significant role in the scandal and was only involved in getting a freed hostage out of the war-torn country quickly.

Reginald Bartholomew told the Senate foreign relations committee that he had no advance knowledge that US arms were swapped for the freedom of the Rev. Benjamin Weir, an American hostage who was released Sept 14, 1985.

"My role was restricted to logistical arrangements, at the

request of the National Security Council," to get Weir to safety as quickly as possible," Bartholomew said.

"I did and that's all I did," Bartholomew said.

Bartholomew, nominated by President Bush to be Under-Secretary of State for Security Affairs, Science and Technology, was ambassador to Lebanon during the time President Reagan was selling arms to Iran in an effort to secure the release of American hostages.

The clandestine sales were hidden from Congress for 15 months.

## Call to pull out troops

LUANDA, April 18, (Reuters): SWAPO president Sam Nujoma has called on the United Nations to ask South Africa to withdraw its forces in Namibia to their bases and allow SWAPO guerrillas to pull back unhindered to Angola.

Nujoma said in a statement distributed in Luanda yesterday that South Africa had deployed a division of troops along the Angola-Namibia border.

He said those troops were patrolling the frontier and mounting ambushes around special assembly points set up by the UN to receive fighters of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) who are due to withdraw to Angola under a plan worked out by South Africa, Angola and Cuba eight days ago.

# Tamils name envoy for talks

COLOMBO, April 18, (AP): The Tamil Tigers, who have been waging a separatist war against the Sinhalese majority for the past six years, have appointed a Sri Lankan-born British Tamil to start peace talks with the government, government officials and Tamil sources said today.

Anton Balasingham, recently

named head of the political section of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, was expected to arrive in Colombo from London in the next few days, sources close to the Tiger guerrillas said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In a surprise move over the weekend, the Tigers declared they were ready to begin talks

with President Ranasinghe Premadasa. The declaration, made in a letter to the President and telexes to Colombo newspapers, came after the Tigers were blamed for three days of bombings that killed at least 79 people.

The Tamil sources said Balasingham's first mission is to talk with the government about a

time and place for the talks. After that, he will be a member of the 'Tigers' negotiating team, the sources added.

Evans Cooray, Premadasa's press secretary, said the President's office was notified shortly before midnight yesterday that Balasingham had been designated to make arrangements for the talks.

Sit-in at Great Hall

## Chinese students demand reforms

BEIJING, April 18, (Agencies): Nearly 2,000 Beijing students marched to Tiananmen Square early today to mourn the death of a reformist leader, and more than 300 staged a sit-in demanding political reforms and a meeting with top officials.

Students representatives from among the sit-in protesters were allowed inside the Great Hall of the People, the seat of government, located on west side of Tiananmen Square, to present their demands to officials of the national legislature.

Demands included repudiation of past official campaigns against liberalism, press freedom, more money for education and abolition of Beijing regulation against demonstrations.

The students also demanded that top leaders reveal their incomes and that the Communist Party reassess its 1987 ouster of party chief Hu Yaobang, accused of being too tolerant of student demonstrators.

Hu died on Saturday after suffering a heart attack. Students in Beijing and Shanghai first put up posters mourning Hu and expressing dissatisfaction with his opponents, then took to the streets.

After a smaller march to Tiananmen to lay a wreath for Hu on Monday afternoon, nearly 1,500 students from Beijing University left their campus in northwestern Beijing at about 1 am (1700 GMT) today.

Nearly 500 students from the People's University joined them en route for a four-hour trek by foot and bicycle to Tiananmen. There, leaders placed a 5-metre (15-foot) banner in Hu's honour on a monument to revolutionary heroes.

One student climbed onto the monument and demanded the resignation of the Communist Party Politburo, a 22-member body made up of the country's top leaders.

His audience of fellow students cheered widely, and also cheered his call for a reassessment of Hu and a government apology for past unspecified mistakes.

Later, however, the students who took part in the sit-in rejected the resignation demand as impractical.

Several hours after they began their protest under a hot sun, the head of the legislature's visitor's department, Lu Xiaozha, came out and told the students their demands "are too big for one person to decide on right away."

He promised to report them to members of the legislature's standing committee.

The sit-in continued this afternoon. Beijing University vice president Luo Haocai urged students to return to campus "and rest." The students booed both officials and said they would disperse only if authorities agreed to publish a full account of their grievances in the state-run media and arrange a meeting with them with the legislative standing committee.

There was no immediate response to the new demands. Several hundred curious onlookers crowded around as the students sang the international and national anthem and chanted, "oppose dictatorship. Down with corruption. Overthrow bureaucracy. Long live democracy."

"We are disappointed in Deng Xiaoping," one People's University student said of China's senior leader, who first promoted Hu but later joined in ousting him.

At least 11 people have been killed and 42 injured in a strong earthquake and aftershocks since Sunday in a remote mountain region of southwest China's Sichuan province, the Chinese news agency reported today.



Solidarity supporters give V-victory signs in Warsaw courtroom after a judge legalised the free trade union. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'US incentives' Bush praises accord to hold Polish polls

HAMTRAMCK, Michigan, April 18, (AP): Saying the West must respond to "yearnings for democracy" in Eastern Europe, US President George Bush has announced an array of economic incentives for Poland aimed at encouraging its efforts at political reform.

Speaking yesterday the same day Poland's highest court legalised the banned Solidarity trade union movement, Bush lauded the communist government's reinstatement after eight years of banishment. He also praised an agreement to hold Poland's first free parliament elections since before World War II.

"The winds of change are shaping a new European destiny. Eastern Europe is awakening to yearnings for democracy, independence and prosperity," Bush told several hundred people in the heavily Polish-American city of Hamtramck.

"Democratic forces in Poland have asked for the moral, political and economic support of the West," he told the crowd. "We can and must answer this call for freedom."

Among the incentives Bush announced:

- Asking Congress to lower tariffs on selected Polish imports under the generalised system of

preferences. Such preferential tariffs are generally used to aid less-developed nations.

- Seeking congressional approval of US guaranteed loans to stimulate private investment in Poland. Such incentives, which would be done through the overseas private investment corp., would provide a kind of political risk insurance to US investors.

- A new US willingness to work with its allies and other Western financial leaders toward a programme assisting Poland in attacking its \$38-billion debt.

Bush said, however, that terms and timing of any rescheduling of the Polish debt will depend on several factors, including Warsaw's progress in working with the International Monetary Fund to introduce "sound economic policies."

Taken together, the moves could amount to more than \$1 billion in economic advantages to the communist government. If fully implemented, they largely would reverse the economic sanctions taken against the Warsaw government in 1981 and 1982 after it imposed a temporary martial law and banned Solidarity.

Search for missing continues

## Authorities lift curfew in Georgian capital

MOSCOW, April 18, (AP): Authorities today ended the curfew in the capital of the Georgian republic and continued a search for 14 people reported missing after a clash between protesters and soldiers in which at least 19 people died.

The curfew was imposed in Tbilisi after the military tried to disperse the demonstrators on April 9.

Official Radio Moscow said Georgian officials decided yesterday to lift the curfew after noting a "substantial improvement of the situation in the city."

Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze had said on national television that enforc-

ing a curfew on a Soviet city "is not a mission for the Soviet Army."

Shevardnadze, a native of Georgia and a former Communist Party chief of the republic, said the violence in Tbilisi had damaged President Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika reform efforts.

Perestroika refers to the economic and social restructuring of society to make it run more efficiently.

Shevardnadze has been in Georgia for more than a week trying to calm tensions there.

Students were reported back in classes and public transportation was working normally.

## We have to unblock the economy, says Walesa

WARSAW, April 18, (Agencies): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa told French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas today that Poland must focus on solving its economic crisis now that his union is legal again.

The meeting on the busy first full day of Solidarity's new legal existence was expected to be followed in the afternoon by a symbolic reconciliation meeting between Walesa and his longtime antagonist, Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski.

"We have achieved half a victory for the moment. Now it's a question of seeing if we can take advantage of all the possibilities," Walesa told Dumas before a breakfast meeting with top union leaders and opposition intellectuals.

Dumas was the first foreign minister to meet Walesa as the legal head of the reborn Solidarity, freed from a seven-year ban by court action yesterday.

"We have to unblock the economy," Walesa said. "This country has enormous resources and untapped human potential."

After his breakfast with Dumas, Walesa attended a meeting of an executive commission supervising selection of independent opposition candidates for the June parliamentary elections, which will be the first in Poland open to the opposition since 1947.

The 1947 voting, which allowed communists to take unchallenged power, was criticised in the West as tainted. This year's voting is planned to remove the party's full monopoly on power, but still leaves it dominant.

Jerzy Urban, the sharp-tongued government spokesman whom millions of Poles love to hate, is leaving the job after eight years, state television said yesterday.

It said Urban, 55, a high-profile figure who for many Poles symbolised the martial law repression imposed by his friend General Wojciech Jaruzelski, had been named President of the State Committee for Radio and Television Affairs.

Lottery prize

CHICAGO, April 18, (AP): Members of two families came forward from four states yesterday to claim half the record \$69.9-million Illinois lottery prize, but the holders of the two other winning tickets remained unknown.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Guerrillas expelled

MADRID, April 18, (Reuters): Six Basque separatist guerrillas including three who took part in secret talks with the Spanish government in Algiers, have been expelled from Algeria, Spain's Interior Ministry said today.

### Seven charged

LOS ANGELES, April 18, (UPI): Seven people, including a 350-pound (160 kg) professional female wrestler known as "Mount Fuji" were charged yesterday for allegedly throwing rocks and bottles at their deputies in a melee at a bridal shower.

### Sharp criticism

BUDAPEST, Hungary, April 18, (AP): Alexander Dubcek, the leader of Czechoslovakia's failed 1968 "Prague Spring" reforms, has levelled sharp criticism at former Hungarian leader Janos Kadar in an unprecedented interview aired on Hungarian television.

### Defector arrested

SEOUL, South Korea, April 18, (AP): A South Korean television producer in debt to creditors has been arrested in Indonesia on charges of trying to defect to North Korea, news reports said today.

### Explosion

TOKYO, April 18, (AP): A pre-dawn explosion today damaged the two-story office of a firm building the New Kansai International Airport, while another blast shattered glass on a boat chartered by the same firm, police said.

### Jewellery for sale

LONDON, April 18, (AP): Jewellery and other precious objects owned by Alice Keppel, mistress of King Edward VII, will be sold in Geneva next month, auctioneers at Sotheby's said yesterday.

### Killer dies of AIDS

PARIS, April 18, (AP): A man who confessed to stalking and brutally murdering 18 elderly Parisian women from 1984 to 1986 died yesterday of AIDS while awaiting trial, prison officials said.

### Soviet troops

MOSCOW, April 18, (AP): The first contingent of Soviet troops and "military hardware" to be withdrawn from East Germany under a troop-cut plan will leave May 11, the official Tass news agency reported yesterday.

### Riots break out

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar, April 18, (AP): Rioting broke out after a meeting of a coalition of opposition parties who claim President Didier Ratsiraka's government rigged recent presidential elections.

### Rebels killed

MAPUTO, Mozambique, April 18, (AP): Government troops and militiamen killed 10 guerrilla fighters in four recent clashes in the southern province of Gaza, the national news agency AIM reported yesterday.

### Plan put off

BONN, West Germany, April 18, (AP): Chancellor Helmut Kohl, scrambling to regain voter support before federal elections next year, yesterday said he wants to put off a controversial plan to lengthen the term of compulsory military service.

### National Guard

WASHINGTON, April 18, (UPI): The supreme court, in a case stemming from Massachusetts' objection to its National Guard training in Central America, let stand yesterday a ruling that the federal government has the power to order state National Guard units to active duty in foreign countries.

### East German escapes

BERLIN, April 18, (AP): An 18-year-old East German yesterday escaped safely to the West by swimming across the Spree River but a friend accompanying him didn't make it, West Berlin police said.

### Gorbachev accused

WASHINGTON, April 18, (Reuters): British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe yesterday accused Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev of "old-style Russian policy-making."

### Leaders resign

SEOUL, South Korea, April 18, (AP): Senior leaders of South Korea's second largest opposition party resigned yesterday over a scandal in which a party lawmaker bribed a rival party's candidate to drop out of a national assembly election.

### Democracy

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia, April 18, (AP): Yugoslavia's President-elect Jancz Drnovsek said yesterday that the spread of democracy in this communist nation cannot be stopped and suggested the country could join a West European trading organisation within five years.

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## Botha wants Mandela to promote peace

CAPE TOWN, April 18, (AP): President P.W. Botha said the government would "react with magnanimity" if jailed black leader Nelson Mandela offered to participate in a peaceful settlement of South Africa's political conflicts.

In a speech to Parliament, Botha said it would be futile for the government to release Mandela if the 70-year-old African National Congress leader was re-arrested or if his freedom led to heightened conflict.

Apparently referring to his view of what

South Africa would be like under an ANC government, Botha said he could not take any steps that might lead to "the rejection of democratic principles and the destruction of private initiative and free enterprise."

"For these reasons, the case of Mr Mandela is being treated with circumspection," said Botha, 73, who plans to retire after elections expected by mid-September.

Mandela, considered by many South African blacks as their paramount leader, has

been imprisoned since 1962 and is serving a life sentence for plotting an ANC sabotage campaign aimed at undermining the white-ruled government. He has rejected previous government offers to free him in exchange for a public renunciation of the ANC's use of violence.

Mandela has been living in a staff house at a prison farm near Cape Town since he was discharged from a hospital last year after a bout of tuberculosis.



## Mahunt for killer who sought forgiveness

GLEN LEN, California, April 18 (P): An apologetic note was the last of a winery worker he allegedly slit the throat of his three young daughters' documents have revealed.

The FBI meanwhile, joined the hunt for Salcido, 28, who was rged with four counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder in Friday's rage, which left seven dead, authorities said he may have fled to Mexico and acknowledged they will have a tough time finding him.

The note, ten in Spanish, was found in the blood-splattered 1979 Ford Salcido is believed to have been driving before it was overthrown and abandoned in Salafiel Friday afternoon.

Police believed Salcido cut his daughters' throats later that evening, killing them, at a garbage dump (24 kms) north of San Ra.

"Forgive me, but this law made me do it, id the note, which was written in Spanish. 'We could live by me and my children, but when I do.'"

Officials could say what "this law" meant Salcido was reportedly up to a child-support court order.

The note was in federal court yesterday in part of the FBI's request for arrest warrant charging Salcido with unlawful flight to a prosecution, which was led by US magistrate Frederico.

An FBI affidavit investigators believed Salcido had escaped to Mexico.

"We will finally find him and get him, but it's hard to do that," said FBI spokesman.

## 1 more bld in drug alt killing case

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. April 18 (AP): US authorities yesterday arrested the son of a Mexican rancher who was charged with the murder of a man in a drug-smuggling cult.

Serafin Hernandez R. Sr. of Brownsville was one of the men charged in federal suits with the murder of a man in a drug-smuggling cult.

Hernandez, the fifth to be arrested in the case, was charged at a Houston, Texas, residence by US Drug Enforcement Administration agents.

Meanwhile, the hunt for Adolfo de Jesus Gonzalez, believed to be the cult's leader, shifted back to Mexico City.

Both Elio Hernandez R. and Serafin Hernandez R. were in custody in Matamoros.

The younger Serafin Hernandez is suspected of drug activities in the cult.

The filing of federal Mexican charges against the suspects was delayed yesterday by the discovery of the bodies of two bodies near the ranch, where a mutilated corpse was found last week.



Washing away old year

GRIM-FACED soldiers manning trucks armed with machine-guns put a damper on usually exuberant New Year celebrations in Burma but crowds in Rangoon defied the troops to express their resentment of military rule.

Every day during the five-day festival that ended on Monday gleeful youngsters hurled buckets of water over passer-by, the traditional way of washing away the old year and welcoming the new.

But residents said the number of revellers was small compared with earlier years. The biggest crowds gathered at the offices of the opposition National League for Democracy (NLD) to hear satires that this year mocked the ruling military council.

Opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi seen sprinkling water over the heads of her followers. (Reuters wirephoto)

## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Treatment for peptic ulcer

WASHINGTON, April 18 (KUNA): Over 70 per cent of perforated peptic ulcer patients often can be effectively treated without surgery, doctors announced in a new study comparing the two procedures for the first time in clinical trials.

Surgeons in Hong Kong, writing in the New England Medical Journal, made their conclusions about the avoidability of ulcer operations after comparing 83 ulcer patients over 13 months, randomly assigning 43 for surgical repair and the others to a regime of intravenous fluids and antibiotics.

Until now, the research doctors asserted, such "non-operative management" of perforated ulcers had not been scientifically compared with results of surgery.

The doctors said two patients in each study group died.

### Study casts doubt on drug

CHICAGO, April 18 (Reuters): An Israeli-developed drug that showed promise in treating multiple sclerosis does not appear to be effective against the most severe form of the disease, researchers said yesterday.

The drug, called copolymer I, may be of value for a less devastating form of the disease in which the symptoms come and go, the report said.

Aaron Miller, director of neurology at Maimonides Medical Centre in Brooklyn, said a study using the drug on 106 patients with chronic, progressive multiple sclerosis — the worst form of the disease — showed "no evidence that the drug is an effective treatment."

### Drug linked to babies' deaths

WASHINGTON, April 18 (Reuters): A drug due to be sold without prescription starting in June has been linked to the deaths of babies and should continue to be restricted, a private health watchdog group said yesterday.

"Researchers in Belgium, where it is available over the counter, have associated the drug with Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and in subsequent research found it to cause obstruction of the airways during sleep in infants," the non-profit public citizen health research group said.

The group asked the government to reverse a decision allowing non-prescription sales of the anti-allergy drug phenegan, made by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories of Philadelphia.

### Romantic publicity campaign

PARIS, April 18 (Reuters): Health officials looking for answers to Europe's worst AIDS epidemic yesterday unveiled a romantic publicity campaign which they hope will soften the Frenchman's traditional disdain for condoms.

"We want to convince people, not shock them. We want to de-dramatise the condom," Health Minister Claude Evin explained after presenting a stylish television commercial which will spearhead a 6.5-million-franc (one-million-dollar) media campaign.

The 20-second black-and-white film with a classical music soundtrack shows a naked and beautiful young couple making love.

The action stops briefly as the man reaches for a "preservative." They resume, with the screen message: "Condoms protect you from everything except love."

A "hard" version, with the lovers' moans audible, was turned down because the ministry felt it detracted from the message.

### AIDS cases on the rise

KAMPALA, April 18 (UPI): The number of reported cases of AIDS in Uganda rose from 5,000 to 8,000 between August and March and is roughly doubling every six months, the chairman of the national AIDS control programme said in remarks published yesterday.

Dr Samuel Okware, quoted in the newspaper the Star, revealed the latest figures in an address to a weekend employers' seminar on occupational health dealing particularly with the impact of AIDS in one of Africa's worst-hit countries.

"AIDS cases now double every six months and the main victims in this unresolved equation between sex and death have been people between 18 and 40 years old, the most productive members of society who keep the world kicking and ticking," Okware was quoted as saying.

### AIDS risk in Soviet Union

MOSCOW, April 18 (Reuters): Patients risk catching AIDS during stays in Soviet hospitals despite precautions taken after the virus infected more than 50 children in a southern Russian town, according to an AIDS expert.

Vadim Pokrovsky told the daily Zetskaya Zhizn many had not learned the lesson from the case in the town of Elista, where medical staff in the intensive care unit of a hospital used the same unsterilised syringe to inject a whole ward of children.

## Controversy

## Legality of Gibraltar killings questioned

LONDON, April 18 (AP): The inquest jury that exonerated British soldiers in the killing of three alleged Irish terrorists in Gibraltar was acting on incomplete evidence and sometimes conflicting testimony, Amnesty International says.

In a report published today that is likely to refuel the controversy over the killings on March 6, 1988, the human rights movement renewed its demand for a judicial inquiry. The report said the inquest failed to allow for the possibility of a deliberate planned killing of suspected members of armed opposition groups.

The London-based human rights organisation said the inquest was conducted properly, but believed that the verdict, although reached fairly, was based on "evidence which from the outset was incomplete."

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's office said it had seen the report.

"As far as we are concerned the whole matter has been fully considered (by the inquest) and we see no grounds for opening up a fresh inquiry," said a spokesman, who spoke on condition of not being identified.

The government has faced persistent questions over the killing of Mairead Farrell, Daniel McCann and Sean Savage by a security-shrouded military unit believed to have been flown in from Britain.

The government said it acted on intelligence that the three were armed and plotting to detonate a car bomb in the tourist-packed centre of the British colony on the southern Spanish coast. The Irish Republican Army acknowledged the three were members sent to Gibraltar "on active service."

But it quickly emerged that the three were unarmed and their car contained no bomb. Witnesses later said at least two of the suspects appeared to be trying to surrender to the plainclothes officers confronting them.

The government said it feared they might have remote-control devices to detonate the explosives if they were given too much time to surrender.

Angrily rejecting Amnesty International's call for an inquiry at the time, Thatcher said an inquest would answer the questions. Seven months later, the inquest jury, in a 9-2 decision, ruled that the killings were lawful.

Amnesty International sent three observers to the inquest, led by Stephen Owen, a lawyer and ombudsman of the Canadian province of British Columbia.

Its report comes two weeks after a British trial lawyer, Hilary Kitchen, who also observed the inquest, wrote that it fell short of international legal standards and raised questions about the legality of the killings.

Amnesty International's report said: "details about government policy, the planning of the operation, and the quality of the intelligence were not revealed."

It said Spanish police, who had been involved in tracking the three to the Gibraltar border, did not testify.

Spanish testimony could have helped establish whether they were known to be without guns or explosives.

## I am right, says Wright

### House Speaker accused of misconduct

WASHINGTON, April 18 (Agencies): US House of Representatives Speaker (Chairman) Jim Wright, accused yesterday of financial misconduct, demanded an early chance to defend himself before a House ethics panel to try to fend off sanctions that could cost his job.

Wright scheduled a close-door meeting with the House Democratic caucus for Tuesday morning as members from both parties appeared uneasy over the precedent-setting example of a sitting speaker officially accused of ethical wrongdoing.

"I know in my heart I have not violated any of the rules of that institution," Wright said in a speech yesterday.

Wright's lawyer William Oldaker said the speaker, who stands second in the line of succession to the US presidency



Wright trial

behind the vice-president, would not give up his post even temporarily. Oldaker termed the charges "a lot of noise, a lot of clamour, but very little substance."

The House ethics panel could recommend punishment ranging

from a reprimand to expulsion from the House if it decides in a further "trial" that the evidence of violations is "clear and convincing."

The panel, after a 10-month \$1.5 million "preliminary inquiry" into Wright's financial affairs, said there was reason to believe violations had occurred in 69 instances.

Among them were charges that Wright's wife, Betty, had received a salary for several years from a Texas investment firm that was no more than a disguised gift from a wealthy developer friend.

Wright countered: "I can provide convincing evidence with respect to the fact that Betty Wright was gainfully employed and provided more than adequate services for \$18,000 a year."

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## Magine to defend itself vigorously in London

## Time taken court for 'defaming' Papandreou

NEW YORK, April 18 (AP): Greek Premier Andreas Papandreou filed a libel suit yesterday in London accusing US-based Time magazine of defaming him in a cover story that said he took millions of dollars in payoffs, his American lawyer said.

Leonard Boudin said it was decided to file the suit in London because the story was more damaging abroad than in the United States. He also said a public figure could make a case more easily under English libel law than American law.

In England, Papandreou needs only show the story written about him was defamatory and injured his reputation, while the

magazine has the task of proving what it wrote was true, Boudin said.

In the United States, Papandreou would have to show not only that Time lied, but that it did so with malice, meaning the magazine did not care whether its statements were true or false.

Boudin said Papandreou has yet decided how much money he would demand, but added clearing Papandreou's name the prime consideration.

The suit names as defendants Time-Life International Limited, London, Time-Life International BV of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and Time-Life Inc. Magazine Co. of New

York and the writer of the article, Robert Ajemian.

Time said it would "vigorously defend" itself.

Boudin said he could not recall another case in which a head of state sued for libel. There have been a number of cases brought by highly placed public figures, such as the recent suits of US Gen. William Westmoreland against the US television network CBS and Ariel Sharon, the former Israeli defence minister, against Time.

Papandreou sued over a cover story that appeared in the magazine's international edition of March 13, which read: "The looting of Greece. From his cell, a fallen tycoon charges Papandreou with stealing millions."

The accuser was George Koskotas, jailed in Massachusetts and fighting extradition to Greece, where he faces charges of looting the Bank of Crete.

Koskotas was quoted as saying he passed millions from the bank to Papandreou and other figures in the premier's socialist government.

Papandreou has denied it and denounced the Time article as part of an international conspiracy to topple his government. Greek President Christos Sartzetakis arrived at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport yesterday for a five-day visit to the Netherlands, his first to this nation, an airport spokesman confirmed.

## Child failed to save self

AGRIGENTO, Sicily, April 18 (Reuters): A six-year-old boy who tried to protect his pregnant mother by offering his piggy bank to a mugger has died from knife wounds, police said today.

Giuseppe Clemente di Vincenzo rushed to his mother Grazia's help after a drug addict with a knife burst into their house near Agrigento on Saturday and demanded money.

The attacker smashed the piggy bank he was offered and stabbed Giuseppe and his mother, who is five months pregnant, before fleeing.

Giuseppe, who was stabbed in the stomach and chest, died in hospital on Sunday night. Police said his mother and her unborn child were out of danger.

## Escape attempt flounders as copter crashes

MIAMI, April 18 (AP): A helicopter plucked a drug kingpin from a prison yard yesterday but crashed as it took off, seriously injuring the inmate and pilot, officials said.

The helicopter went down about 10 am (1400 GMT) after a propeller caught concertina wire atop the wall at the federal Metropolitan Correctional Centre, authorities said.

Benjamin "Barry" Kramer, a champion powerboat racer serving a life sentence, and the pilot, whose identity wasn't immediately known, were taken to Jackson Memorial Hospital after the escape attempt, said US Marshal Daniel Horgan.

"Prison guards immediately extracted Kramer and the pilot out of the wreckage and administered first aid. They were hurt quite seriously," Horgan said.

Initial reports indicated the pilot suffered head, neck and back injuries and Kramer, 34, fractured his left ankle, authorities said.

MCC is the major prison for drug traffickers and others arrested for federal crimes in South Florida. Among some 1,000 inmates are Miami policemen convicted of running a drug ripoff ring and others convicted of large-scale cocaine and marijuana trafficking or awaiting trial.

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Amir visits old timers

HH the Amir paid a visit last night to the diwaniya of the aged in the centre of the capital during which he had cordial conversation focussed on memories from Kuwait's old days and watched traditional entertainment games played.

HH's visit to the diwaniya and meeting with its visitors, old Kuwaiti men who frequent it, falls in line with HH's usual Ramadan visits to the various diwanis of the country, where young and old Kuwaitis gather.

The Amir was accompanied by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, Sheikh Masha'al Al Ahmed, Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al Ahmed, Sheikh Hamad Sabah Al Ahmed and Sheikh Majed Hmoud Al Jaber.

## Licences to be approved after driving schools are constructed

THE issuance of learners licences and change of foreign driving licences to Kuwaiti ones has been on a very limited scale, according to a senior traffic official.

The restricted issuance of learners licences and change over of foreign licences is due to a traffic policy that will be followed until the opening of driving schools, Director General of the General Traffic Department Brigadier Fuad Mused Al Saleh said.

The department will provide learners licences to the approved categories only shortly in order to reduce pressure on the driving schools that will be built in the future.

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Approval of applications of approved categories of learners licences will be from the director general's department. However, the department has also authorised directors of branches in different governorates to approve such applications with a view to reducing pressure on the main office, Saleh said.

The board of the Kuwaiti Company for Driving Schools held a meeting last week to discuss the annual report. The board decided to conduct an indepth study into the theoretical and practical curricula of the schools prior to accelerating the pace of construction of its buildings and training areas, Saleh said.

He went on to say that the board had sent delegations to visit driving schools in a number of Arab and foreign countries. The board has selected driving schools in Jordan and France as models of driving schools for Kuwait.

The board decided to build one driving school near the premises of the General Traffic Department on an experimental basis, Saleh said.

## Casualty units

THE Medical Emergency Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health is endeavouring to create a separate casualty and emergency unit at all hospitals.

The ministry intends to pay more attention to training of doctors and nurses in the field of emergency specialisations, according to Dr Mohammed Al Munees, director at the department.

He said that his department suffered from a shortage of technicians and ambulance personnel, the total of which amounts to 325 people. A scheme to develop emergency medical services at the ministry's hospitals is being proposed to meet the increasing demand for the services of such personnel, he added.

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# Bribe case an isolated incident: Rushad

## Special project to defend doctors

By Bassam Al Qasas

FOLLOWING reports appearing in the local press of the alleged arrest of a physician for taking bribes, an official called for restraint in accusing physicians of any misconduct prior to any judgement being officially passed by a court of law.

In an interview with a local daily, Dr Abdullah Al Rushad,

chairman of Kuwait Medical Association reiterated that the association for the past ten years had issued circulars warning doctors against the unethical conduct of accepting gifts and simultaneously had instructed patients not to offer any such incentives.

### Motivated

In a related development, the medical association described the incident alleged to have taken

place at one of the maternity hospitals as an isolated incident.

In a statement issued recently, the association called on the Ministry of Interior not to arrest any doctor during the official working hours. The statement added that this particular incident should not be construed to encompass the majority of professionals and physicians who are indeed devoted and

highly motivated in their duties. In defending the majority of ethical and professional doctors, Rushad also indicated that some of the "legal investigators" working at hospitals, also work as part-timers in some lawyers' offices and instigate the patients to file cases against doctors and health officials.

In a related development, Dr Bader Hamada, secretary-general of the association announced

that the association is planning to establish a special project designed to legalise doctors.

A fund will be established for this purpose, with a contribution of KD 5 each from members of the association. The fund was successfully launched in a ceremony at the association's swimming pool, a cost of KD 160,000, Hada said.

## NIC shows KD10 million nett profit for 1988

THE chairman of National Industries Company (NIC) Mifarej Ibrahim said that it exports different products to Iraq, Jordan, Syria and Sudan and plans to export its products to a number of other Arab countries.

The company produces bricks, asbestos, plastic products, concrete pipes and batteries and participated in the Exhibit of Kuwait Industries in February last year and Baghdad International Exhibit last November.

### Expansion

The government owned company follow an active and clear economic policy and expanded its factory buildings to be able to produce strategic products. The company has two factories one at Mina Abdullah Industrial Area and the other in Sulaybiya area. Sales last year amounted to KD26 million generating a nett profit of KD10 million. The company expects a ten per cent increase in its sales during 1989, Ibrahim said.

### Diversification

The official said that National Industries Company is making studies diversify and expand its products to meet the needs of local market as well as some external markets. On the other hand, the director of marketing department at the company Salah Al Tarkat said that the company merged all industrial units into one central marketing department.

### Boat explodes

ABU DHABI, April 18, (Reuters): Three Indian fishermen were injured when their boat exploded close to the United Arab Emirates, a Gulf newspaper has reported.

Quoting UAE naval sources, 'Al Bayan', said the blast on Saturday was near Ras Al Khaimah in the north of the UAE.

# Collective transport can solve traffic problems

## Overland routes to Egypt to open soon

THE assistant managing Director for transport and operating affairs at Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC) Issam Al Rifai was quoted as saying that the traffic problem in Kuwait will be solved only by depending on collective transport and the provision of necessary facilities for KPTC's vehicles.

In an interview with a local daily Rifai clarified that new routes will be created throughout the country in order to facilitate the company's task.

The official said that the company is capable of servicing the increase in demand for public transport. The company has expanded its activities and is managing a transport network covering all the country's areas in addition to its services extended to the Ministry of Education in providing transport to students.

### Services

Additionally, the company extends services to the Ministries of Public Health, Defence, Interior and Finance in addition to a number of institutions the official said.

Elucidating another aspect of the company's activities, the official said that the company extended necessary services to the conference organised by the state and services the state domain department's garage which includes about 3,000 vehicles and 4,000 vehicles of the Ministry of Interior in addition to services extended to the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) and Shuaiba Port.

### Contribution

He went on to say that the company had contributed effectively in transporting employees to the Ministries Complex initially but the project failed as most of the employees preferred to use their own cars. Replying to a question, the

official said that Kuwaitis were not using the public transport vehicles due to social factors and in view of the abundance of private vehicles. However, for the time being, the Kuwaiti percentage who were using such vehicles is encouraging compared to the previous years, the official said.

Speaking of the GCC countries co-operation in the field of transport, the official said that the company was keen to enhance any co-operation in this field either among the GCC countries or between the company and the other Arab countries.

He added that since several years the company were involved in arranging necessary vehicles for pilgrimages convoys. In 1985, the company had provided 8,000 vehicles to Saudi Arabia during the pilgrimage season and in 1987, another 4,000 vehicles with its crew.

The GCC General Secretariat had suggested establishing a joint company of the member states for transporting passengers among the GCC states. The company had debated this idea with the Saudi Transport Company.

### Agreement

He added that there was co-operation between his company and Saudi-Bahrain Transport Company for transporting passengers through King Fahd Causeway.

Speaking of the co-operation with other Arab countries, the official said that the company had recently concluded an agreement with Jordan for creating a regular route between Kuwait and Amman to be complementary to the Amman-Cairo route.

On company's future projects, the official said that it was plan-

ning to modernise its main complexes available at Murqab, Sharq and Jahra Gate complex. He disclosed that the company is currently constructing a new complex which will cover about 20 lines in addition to establishing a new station at Darwazat Abdurazzak which will cover also four routes and another new station will be established at Salhiyah area.

### Overland route

In a related development representative of Kuwait-Gulf Link Transport Company Wajeeh Yusuf was quoted as saying that the first direct overland route between Kuwait and Egypt will be opened within a few days. Convoys will be from Kuwait to Cairo via Jordan and each trip will take 48 hours. Services will be round the year with two trips each week.

Vehicles will accommodate 50 passengers each and will be provided with water coolers, air conditioning system and water closets. Each vehicle will have a supervisor for completion of the transport procedures at the border centres.

## Import procedures

FOR those importers of food commodities who are not familiar with procedures to be followed after goods have arrived, the health affairs department at Kuwait Municipality indicated measures to be followed.

Importers should present complete bills of lading and complete invoices along with the Israeli Boycott Certificate, Certificate of Origin and other relevant documents to the municipality. The goods will be tested and a report on their compliance with health regulations will be issued.

# Perfume sales take off in Ramadan

A LOCAL daily visited the incense and perfume market to highlight its condition during the holy month of Ramadan.

Most perfume and incense salesmen pointed out that women are their number one customers, and that they mostly depend on loyal customers rather than one-time buyers. They said they sell more perfumes during the last third of Ramadan. Senior citizens could easily determine good bad qualities of incense just by looking at it, they added.

Khalid Shaban, a perfume salesman, said that most customers ask for French-made perfumes, particularly ladies type. He pointed out that sales during Ramadan are higher

than any other month. The last half of Ramadan is higher in sales due to the fact that Eid is approaching and the holiday season takes place indoors, he said.

Ali Saeed Al Amoudi, another salesman at a perfume shop, said that Kuwaitis in particular buy more incense than any other nationality. Incense in Kuwait is an old tradition and forms a respectable gesture to house guests, he said, adding that most of his customers are older ladies who are more knowledgeable about incense types.

Amoudi said that his shop imports incense from East Asian countries and that the most expensive types of incense are imported from

India and sold at KD1500 for a kilogramme. Rose water and censers are also among the most demanded items during the holy month of Ramadan, he said.

One customer said that he prefers to buy the Purman type of incense for his house. During Ramadan he would rather shop after iftar, because it is cooler for the family and himself, he said.

Another customer said that she usually buys Oud perfume to scent all her family members. She said that it is an old tradition for most people living in the Gulf area to use a lot of perfume. Some types of perfumes are genuine and others are imitations, she added.

## Hawalli governorate is stable, says Barjes

### More power to mayors proposed

THE governor of Hawalli, Abdul Latif Al Barjes, has said that security in Hawalli governorate is stable. The incidents reported in the governorate are simple and most of them are thefts committed by juvenile delinquents, he said, adding that patrols cover all housing and commercial areas in the governorate especially the coastline which is subjected to strict control. These patrols have succeeded in preventing many crimes from being committed, besides arresting infiltrators who try to enter the country illegally by sea, he said.

Barjes supported calls to give mayors (mukhtars) more authority in their areas. The mayors play an important role in controlling security in their areas because they are responsible for registering inhabitants and cancelling the names of those who move to other areas. Barjes suggested co-operation between mukhtars and the Public Authority for Civil Information in this field. He also suggested amending the rent law in order to allow mukhtars to solve some disputes between tenants and landlords, which will reduce pressure on the courts.

### Demands

Barjes pointed out that relevant authorities respond to the demands of mukhtars to improve and develop services in their areas. Many services and projects have been carried out in Hawalli governorate accordingly and in different fields. He added that for example the Public Authority for Agriculture is now making public gardens in Hawalli, Mishref and seven gar-

dens in Jabriya, as well as one in Bayan. It is also afforesting roads in Hawalli, Mishref and Jabriya.

The municipality also plans to build two flyovers for pedestrians in Mishref, two on Cairo Street and one, opposite the Lebanese embassy in Istiglal Street. It is also studying linking the waterfront utilities with opposite areas by similar flyovers. The Ministry of Awqaf has designated two sites to build two mosques in Hawalli, Barjes said.

Barjes said he supports the public assuming charges for services in order to guide the use of these services. The charges will also ensure continuation of good services for the public. These charges will not affect people who have limited income, he said.

## NHA's ainto draw up housin objectives

THE Director-General of National Housing Authority Ibrahim Majed Al Shaheen secretary of the Higher Council said that the council was set up an Amiri decree in 1982 which made HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairman.

### Function

Shaheen told a local daily the council was re-formed another Amiri decree on September 24, 1986, which increased the number of members and senior government officials.

The primary function of the council is to establish national housing objectives and draw

housing policies for implementation within the framework of the government's national development plan, the official said.

He added that other functions included the development of short and long term housing strategy based on population growth rates, recommendation of rules and regulations, laws and policies enabling the implementation of housing plans, and conducting housing studies and research.

He said that all subjects referred to the council for discussion were accompanied with reports detailing the outcome and results of research and studies conducted in the relevant area.

## Kuwait Trade Union holds itsfirst session

THE executive council of the Kuwait Trade Union held its first session since elected last week, the d Al Seyassah reported.

The report added the union had formed a committee which was empowered to receive complaints arising from employees in the privator. The committee was authorised to study such complaints and provide the necessary recommendations in co-operation with Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, as the committee was in

light of the increasing complaints by workers.

The council formed a team to participate in the 13th International Labour Rally scheduled to take place in North Korea next July.

Meanwhile, the council decided to pass on donations collected by the union to victims of the floods which occurred recently in South Yemen.

The council also decided to take part in the May 1st festivals, scheduled to take place in several countries throughout the world.







# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

HUMAN nature is not of itself vicious — Thomas Paine  
English-born political philosopher-author (1737-1790).

## Peace in Sri Lanka still a long way off

By Feisal Samath

COLOMBO, (Reuters): Sri Lankan politicians and political analysts welcomed the idea of peace talks between the government and Tamil rebels but said an end to a conflict that killed more than 12,000 people was still far off.

"The talks are welcome, but we are a long way from ending the conflict between majority Sinhalese and minority Tamils," said Hector Abhayawardene, a veteran political commentator.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa last week accepted an offer from the main Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam guerrilla group to hold peace talks.

The rebel group, fighting for an independent homeland in the north and east for the island's two million Tamils, sent a letter to Premadasa saying "we are prepared to accept your open invitation to talk with us."

The acceptance of peace talks follows lengthy efforts by the government to bring Tamil and Sinhalese rebels to the negotiating table.

The leftwing Sinhalese People's Liberation Front, which is trying to topple the government from the south, rejected the offer of a unilateral ceasefire by Sri Lankan troops and a similar invitation by Premadasa for talks.

The week-long ceasefire has been shattered by the killing of at least 75 people since Thursday.

Forty-two of the victims were shopping for the Buddhist and Hindu new year when they were killed in a car bomb. Two days later 21 Sri Lankan soldiers died in a rebel ambush. Both attacks were in eastern Trincomalee district.

More than 12,000 people have been killed in the past six years in the two rebellions. The front stepped up its campaign after about 50,000 Indian troops came to Sri Lanka in July 1987 to implement a pact aimed at ending the Tamil rebellion.

Abhayawardene said the Tigers' about-turn after rejecting previous invitations to talks probably stemmed from the fact that "they are threatened by extermination by Indian troops and of being ousted by a former rebel group turned provincial administrator."

"In these circumstances they seem to find in the Sri Lankan government, a possible ally," he said.

Premadasa has asked the Tigers to nominate a person to discuss arrangements to start talks.

The proposed talks would be the second between the Tigers and the government — the first being in August 1985 in Bhutan.

Those discussions with a four member rebel alliance, including the Tigers, failed after the Tamils accused the Sri Lankan government of violating a ceasefire. The talks were arranged by India.

A spokesman for the Eelam revolutionary Students Organisation, a former rebel group which now has 13 members in parliament, praised the government and the Tigers.

"At last we see a dawn of peace. We have often stressed the need for talks with the Tigers... our efforts have paid off," he said.

The dialogue was also welcomed by Rev Maduloluwe Sobitha, a Buddhist monk and vociferous opponent of the Tigers.

"Peace is most important. Talking and discussing one's problems is good. Weapons cannot solve problems," said Sobitha, who led many protests in 1987 against alleged Tiger massacres of Sinhalese.

Lakshman Jayakody, member of parliament for the main opposition Freedom Party, was more cautious. "It is good... it is good. But the government should not fall into a trap," he said without elaborating.

Jayakody said the Tigers should also talk to opposition parties and the front.

In an apparent gesture of goodwill, the president's office said that a further batch of 7,000 Indian soldiers would leave by next week.

About 5,000 troops left earlier this year in response to a request by Premadasa, who promised at presidential elections last December that all Indian troops would be withdrawn as soon as possible.

### PRESS REVIEW

## Stop pampering Israel

KUWAIT, (KUNA): A local daily has said that although 40 years have elapsed since the dawn of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the US still sides with Israel and views its security as "a sacred, unnegotiable and an 'untouchable thing'."

The daily Al-Rai Al-Aam added, in its front-page editorial, that as a superpower, the US which has friendly relations with all, cannot back one party at the expense of others.

"Some developments have come along, which call for taking decisions and adopting policies that go hand in hand with them and end this American political and military pampering of Israel, because correcting the flaw is an important process and a vital matter to all parties, including the US itself," the paper noted.

The paper quoted former US department chiefs Cyrus Vance and Henry Kissinger as stressing that Washington needs to take a clear stand on the Palestinian question.

Vance and Kissinger believe that Israel "must not, and it won't be able to anyway, attempt to stay where it is now in the occupied territories, because demographically, matters are going against Israel and the strength of the Arab population will grow."

The two former US officials view it as necessary that Israelis and Palestinians co-exist within safe borders.

In conclusion, the paper urged Washington to attach more interest to the peace process in order to untangle the Arab-Israeli conflict.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1552 — France's King Henry II and Pope Julius III sign two-year truce.
- 1587 — British fleet under Sir Francis Drake sacks Cadiz in Spain.
- 1775 — War of American independence opens with defeat of British at Lexington and Concord.
- 1783 — US Congress announces end of war of American independence.
- 1794 — Britain, by treaty of the Hague, subsidizes 60,000 Prussian and Dutch troops in coalition against France.
- 1859 — Austria issues ultimatum to Sardinia to disarm, but it is rejected.
- 1911 — Separation of church and state in Portugal.
- 1921 — Government of Ireland act goes into effect.
- 1928 — Japan occupies Shantung in China.
- 1964 — Coalition government in Laos is deposed by right-wing military group.
- 1975 — India's first satellite is launched by Soviet rocket.
- 1977 — Police in South Korea carry out nationwide roundup of political opponents of government.
- 1988 — Court in Düsseldorf convicts Abbas Hamadi of direct involvement in 1987 kidnapping of two West Germans in Beirut, Lebanon.

Switch from guerrilla tactics to conventional warfare not easy

## Jalalabad stalemate dents mujahedeen hope

By Oliver Wates

ISLAMABAD, (Reuters): The Afghan mujahedeen jihad, nine years a straightforward "holy war" against a foreign, communist invader, is facing a crisis two months after the last Soviet soldier left Afghanistan.

In the view of many analysts, Western diplomats and Afghan-watchers in Pakistan, the disparate mujahedeen rebel movement is finding it hard to adapt to the new situation.

They say the mujahedeen are losing the propaganda war with President Najibullah's Soviet-backed government in Kabul and have failed to establish their rival interim government as a credible alternative.

The movement has also failed to allay the fears of millions of Afghans in government-held cities of looting and massacre.

And, worst of all, it has failed to make good the boasts of mujahedeen leaders that a military victory was round the corner. The stalemate battle for Jalalabad has shown that the military struggle could go on for a long time.

"The jihad has not been as successful as we thought in the beginning, despite all the weapons we had," an exiled Afghan intellectual said.

"It's very difficult to see the mujahedeen winning the war militarily," a Western diplomat commented.

This analysis is disputed by the seven Western-backed parties based in Pakistan. In public at least they are as confident as ever that final victory over Najibullah's People's Democratic Party (PDDA) is merely a matter of time.

All mujahedeen admit, however, that the six-week-old battle for Jalalabad has been a blow to their hopes.

The rebels scored early successes but found the switch from guerrillas tactics to conventional warfare beyond them. They have suffered heavy losses as their offensive became bogged down by minefields and bombing.

Resistance from government troops was unexpectedly tough.

"There is still no unity and no discipline and a lot of good commanders have been killed," the diplomat said.

The rebels have also badly damaged their cause by their behaviour in victory. When they captured the northern provincial capital Kunduz briefly last autumn, there was widespread looting and killing of government officials.

Last December guerrillas belonging to the fundamentalist Hezb-i-Islami party gunned down 70 soldiers who had surrendered, rebel sources say. Last month 25 captives were taken forcibly from a moderate rebel group outside Jalalabad and shot dead.

These and other widely-reported incidents are the most powerful incentive for defenders to fight to the bitter end.

Exiled Afghan analyst Naim Majrooh warned in his latest monthly bulletin that looting and killing by victorious mujahedeen would drive civilians into Najibullah's hands.

"There is a danger that uncompromising attitudes of the resistance will enable the Kabul regime and the Soviet invaders to achieve what they failed to do in the last 10 years — win the support of Afghanistan's urban population," he said.

Many guerrilla commanders are deeply unhappy with the way the jihad is being run. They blame Pakistani intelligence for pushing the rebels into the Jalalabad operation, a charge denied by Pakistan.

Four countries have recognised the interim government set up in February. But critics say it has yet to look a viable alternative to Najibullah's disciplined team.

The seven parties are still feuding. Two cabinet meetings were held inside Afghanistan, but ministers from one party were not even invited



An Afghan mujahedeen surveys Afghan government positions on the outskirts of Jalalabad.

to the second, guerrilla sources say.

The government has yet to win endorsement from Afghanistan's Shiite minority, powerful tribal leaders or exiled king Zahir Shah. Even its main supporter Pakistan has not recognised it.

Meanwhile Najibullah is waging a clever battle for the hearts and minds of the people. He portrays his government as defending the nation against Pakistani and Arab encroachment and preaches Islam, moderation and reconciliation.

Bitterness and hatred left by the killing of more than a million Afghans in the fighting run deep. But some Afghan exiles think the government's message could begin to take effect.

Officially all guerrilla commanders deny they would even contemplate doing a deal with the PDDA. But rebel sources say dozens of understandings already exist, such as agreements to let food convoys pass.

The commanders' links to the Pakistan-d parties are often tenuous and in the long term many might be persuaded to talk to Kabul, guerrilla sources say.

"Some very tough commanders are listening to Najibullah's speeches, they are following all events in Kabul," Afghan activist said.

"The longer the other side hangs on in K and other cities, the greater the perception among commanders that they can get a better deal from Najibullah," an Afghan aide said.

"If the blunders which are going on for the three-four months go on for another five-six months, many commanders will reconsider their positions," a senior Afghan doctor predicted.

"Mentally people are so much against regime that it will take some time for people to change their minds," interim government has another five-six months to patch things

## Japan opposition eyes power

Ruling party popularity at a low ebb

By Eugene Moosa

TOKYO, (Reuters): Japan's opposition parties, long dismissed as noisy but powerless, for the first time have a chance at winning — if they can bury their ideological hatchets, analysts and members of parliament say.

The ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), in power continuously since 1955, is reeling from the twin blows of a financial scandal and a new sales tax which has alienated most of the electorate.

To take advantage of the record low levels of support for the LDP among traditionally conservative voters, four opposition groups last week began discussions on forming a coalition.

They now stand their best chance ever of moving out of the towering shadow of the pro-business, pro-American Liberal Democrats.

But mutual suspicions and policy contradictions make it highly unlikely that they will be able to topple the LDP, even in the current ideal conditions, analysts say.

The largest opposition group, the Japan Socialist Party, is discussing a coalition with the centrist Democratic Socialist Party (DSP), the Buddhist-backed Komito (Clean Government Party) and the tiny Social Democratic Federation.

The Japan Communist Party (JCP) is excluded because of the unpalatable nature for most voters of its more extreme policies on such questions as defence and business.

The initial aim of the coalition talks is to reach agreement on fielding joint candidates in upper house elections scheduled for August.

The LDP currently holds 297 seats in the 512-member lower house of parliament, followed by the Socialists with 83, Komito with 56 and the DSP and JCP with 27 each. The Social Democratic Federation has four members.

There are also six independents and 12 vacancies.

"But smooth operation of this coalition will be difficult, given the fear they all have of losing their identities," said Tokyo University political science professor Takashi Inoguchi.

"Besides, they lack banners for major reform. In the past decade, the LDP has completed most major reforms itself, such as the privatisation of public corporations and balancing government accounts."

The revelations of big donations to the political coffers of LDP leaders in the current recruit scandal, which has forced the resignation of three cabinet ministers, is a particularly powerful weapon in the hands of the opposition.

It is one they must wield with caution.

The head of the DSP was forced to step down after being linked to the scandal and members of the Socialist Party the Komito have been implicated.

The three-per-cent sales tax introduced on April 1 is a much safer issue.

Voters seem particularly outraged that they are being forced to pay extra for all purchases at a time when it is being revealed how much cash politicians receive under the table.

Even the conservative farming community, long a bastion of LDP support, is taking another look at the opposition parties. They feel increasing disillusionment with government moves in recent months to allow in more farm product imports.

Despite their strong position, though, the deep policy differences among the opposition make many analysts sceptical about the chances of a coalition becoming a reality.

The parties cover the political spectrum from hard-core leftists to mild centrists.

## Nigeria prepares for politics

Military will supervise activity

By Robert Weller

LAGOS, Nigeria, (AP): As black Africa's biggest economy struggles back on course, the military government is preparing to lift a ban on politics as part of a return in stages to complete civilian rule in late 1992.

The first voting, for local government councils, won't take place until the end of the year, but newspapers already are filled with articles about various prospective political groups meeting around the country.

"They have taken over all the hotels in Lagos," said Yusufu Mammam, press secretary to Nigeria's chief of general staff. No action has been taken against them, but Mammam said, "They are in for the surprise of their lives."

He wouldn't elaborate, but it appears likely that anyone found to have violated the ban on political activity will be barred from contesting elections.

Mammam said the military plans to be deeply involved in guaranteeing the credibility of the next civilian government. It will, for example, provide facilities for the two political parties it permits to contest the voting. Mammam compared this to the American system in which parties get matching funds from the federal government to increase their independence.

In 1979, the then-military government also tried to make sure it was handing power back to a legitimately elected government that would rule effectively.

But by the end of 1983, with the economy in total disarray and corruption flourishing, the military returned to power.

This time around, President Ibrahim Babangida, an army general, has gone way beyond his predecessors, banning all former politicians from election involvement, as candidates or sponsors. Violations are punisha-

ble by fines and up to five years in jail.

"There is still plenty of room in our prisons for the banned politicians get involved in politics again," Mammam said.

Babangida has surprised some civilian members of his government by barring them from taking part in the elections. The military already was banned.

A public awareness campaign, directed by a national "social mobilisation" committee, has begun. Its recurring theme, shouted over loudspeakers at public rallies, is "The second republic was a disaster, what do you want the third to be like?"

Pamphlets, warn against selling votes and admonish: "It is the lack of participation in the past political process that has enabled some corrupt, unpatriotic Nigerians to loot our treasury and waste our resources."

During both periods of civilian rule since independence from Britain in 1960, elective office was seen by many as an invitation to enrich themselves. Elections were marred by widespread vote-rigging, bribery and violence. Voters seemed the least interested of all; turnouts were often low.

Mismanagement, corruption and overly ambitious attempts to leap into the industrial age combined with the drop in oil prices in the mid-1970s to nearly bankrupt the country.

The government's present austerity programme, combined with a liberalisation of the economy, produces a 4.1 per cent increase in the gross domestic product (GDP) in 1988.

The brightest note was the continuing rise of non-oil exports, including agricultural commodities and manufactured products. Since oil exports have accounted for more than 95 of foreign exchange earnings, recent oil price increases also will help.

"Real GDP is expected to rise by 4.0 per cent in 1989 as the economy continues to benefit from structural changes. Nevertheless, Nigeria's population growth rate in excess of three per cent nearly offsets the gains in GDP," a US embassy economic report said.

Nigeria has Africa's biggest population, estimated at more than 100 million. Per capita income is thought to have fallen below \$300 in 1988, less than half the 1986 level, making Nigeria available for aid normally granted only to the world's poorest countries.

The economic downturn and government efforts for more efficiency have cost hundreds of thousands of jobs. Three major government-run enterprises — the national airline, railway and telecommunications company — have laid off 35 to 50 per cent of their staffs, the report added.

"The price of food rose dramatically in Nigeria during 1988. The embassy's own consumer price index for January 1989 showed increases of 44.1 per cent for food and 41.8 per cent for all items over the previous 12 months," the US report said.

Nigerians now talk of "buy and fly" — purchasing what they want quickly before the price can rise.

Spiralling food prices have forced basic changes in the diet of most Nigerians. Yams and palm oil are being substituted for rice, ground-nut oil and bread. Some families mix a bit of butter into food to replace the milk they once served their children.

As in other countries which have imposed austerity programmes, Nigeria has been susceptible to urban disturbances. In the last year, even a small incident, such as a traffic jam, can flare into a riot.

People often extract revenge where they can for government failures. When fire-fighters were unable to put out a blaze in a market in Imo state last month, women went on a rampage, attacking police and fire stations and destroying anything that got in their way.

## No way you can forget Palestine

Exiles in US recall homeland

By Sharon Cohen

KENOSHA, Wisconsin (AP): Jacob and John Rantisi have built a life in America, but their hearts and minds often are in a faraway land, where they knew the joy of being united with family and the pain of seeing their world torn apart.

Today, the Palestinian brothers are US citizens, grateful for freedom and success in their adopted country, but worried about and longing for the simple, yet turbulent, homeland they left behind.

"It's impossible to forget your language, your home and your people," said Jacob, 40, who with his younger brother, John, owns the uptown restaurant in this industrial city.

"I am willing to be a good citizen of the United States," he said. "But there is no way you can forget your homeland. When you grow up in a place, you learn to love that place."

"I remember my friends," added John, smoking a cigarette as he and his brother sat in a booth in their restaurant. "It's my home. It's inside of me."

From a cramped single room they shared in the West Bank town of Ramallah, the 11 children born to Sulaiman and Rose Rantisi have migrated to all corners of the world — Canada, a lady, you get upset, you get Saudia Arabia, Jordan, Israel, Jacob said. "It's a very, and the United States. Three are very evil thing that they treat in Kenosha with their mother human beings like that... I know Sulaiman died in 1974."

Two brothers, Jaber and... But when you see this happen Audeh, remain in Ramallah to your own country, your own Their cousin, Audeh, an epis people... I don't think God him-copal priest, also lives there. / self justified this."

The family keeps in contact b ing in a way like the Jews suffered mail and telephone from the Germans," he said.

The Rantisi brothers, who a Christians, grew up with the idea of Israel. Shortly after Israeli s-diers forced most Palestinian out of Lod in 1948, Jacob w born in a cold cement room Ramallah without doctors nurses.

In the following decade Israel conquered the West Ba The family lived with the turn of tanks in the streets, fear bombings and worries ab eviction.

But the brothers, who t furniture in a small shop, have fond memories of a plum and almond trees, breezes and a slower pace.

"It's a happy life without complications like here," Jo said. "Over here, there's much to worry about — my, bills..."

In 1976, Jacob and his e, Victoria, came to Illinois. h-laws lived there, and huld and wife began working lo-tories.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Some of the listed firms 'need restructuring'

## Government urged to map market strategy

THE Alshail Economic Consultants said in their annual report that all companies listed in the Kuwaiti Stock Exchange market and which intended to distribute dividends for the year 1988 have already done so. In this report "we analyse 1988 dividend distributions together with a historical comparison of market performance for the past three years from 1986 to 1988."

Listed Kuwaiti and non-Kuwait companies that have distributed dividends for the year 1988 reached 29 from a total of 51. This means that the percentage of companies that distributed dividends in 1988 reached approximately 57 per cent for both 1986 and 1987.

The percentage of companies that distributed stock dividends reached 40 per cent of total companies that distributed dividends for 1986 which decreased in 1987 to 27 per cent in what we believe is a correct direction, then in 1988 the percentage of companies that distributed stock dividends rose again to 45 per cent which is unjustified.

Distributing stock dividends is not more than dividing the same shareholders among a larger

number of stocks with no positive effect on the real value of the stock holders.

Although it is true that the market value of certain company shares increases, this however, happens only for stronger companies and for a short period of time, whereas the market value of most shares decreases in both medium and long terms.

This also increases the burden of dividends on companies in the coming years and continuously weakens their financial positions.

In addition, stock dividends increases market supply of company shares which disturbs market balance.

It is clear that dividends distribution is the highest for the banking sector, but this depends on a decision rather than performance.

In 1986 and 1987, 41 per cent of listed companies did not distribute any dividends, while this number rose to 43 per cent in 1988. When stock exchange markets witness this high percentage of companies that do not distribute dividends, certain measure are taken to determine

the problems and try to find the suitable solution.

In most cases studies are undertaken to study the performance of the listed companies and try to find remedies for each company instead of concentrating on the stimulation of trading activity or artificially raising share prices.

These indices (market activity, share prices) should reflect the company's performance and must not be considered as the problem itself.

Most companies distributed dividends in the form of stock which is a sign of weak performance as these companies are facing liquidity problems.

This problem of liquid cash rose when companies bought their own shares at market prices in order to decrease market supply and raise prices with no prior planning.

At the end of the year, these companies decided to distribute stock dividends in order not to show their weak financial positions.

Few of these stock distributions could be justified, as many companies do not need an increase in capital and do not

have enough means to finance it. Eventually, what these companies achieved was not a decrease of shares supply in the market and the stock dividend distributions have increased the companies' burden in distributing dividends in future years.

In neglecting stock dividend distribution and concentrating on cash dividends only and relating the latter (contrary to what was published) to market prices at December 31, 1988, the cash dividend distribution level in the market is found to be low reaching approximately 2.2 per cent of market value of total shares pertaining to companies that distributed dividends for 1988, and 1.9 per cent of total shares of companies listed in the Kuwait Stock Exchange market which represents average market performance.

Comparing average performance of the Kuwait market for the year 1986, 1987 and 1988 with both American and British markets, "we find that for the Kuwaiti market, cash earnings was 1.9 per cent, 2.1 per cent and 1.9 per cent consecutively. For the American it reached 3.4 per cent, 3.0 per cent

and 3.7 per cent for the same year, and for the British 4.1 per cent, 3.2 per cent and 4.7 per cent. This shows the weakness of the Kuwaiti market which is mainly due to the weak performance of listed companies rather than to the general economic indicators such as growth rates, and employment rates."

In most cases "we either do not know what we want from the stock exchange, market or what we think we do know turns out to be wrong. This leads to decisions concerning the shares market that are either in the wrong direction or in some cases the exact opposite of what should be done."

This report will not present the previous experiences of the past several years of the market as these have been thoroughly discussed in the past and the results are known, but we would like to stress that we should convince ourselves that the previous practices and solutions were inappropriate."

"We should avoid policies that were implemented in the past and did not achieve any positive results, such as price support,

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## Dollar steadies

Gold up

TOKYO, April 18. (Reuters): The US dollar closed little changed and shares finished mixed in quiet trade today as market players waited for the release of key reports on price trends in the United States and Japan after the markets closed, dealers said.

Currency dealers said they were waiting for the release at 1230 GMT of the US March consumer price index (CPI), which was expected to provide a clearer picture of US inflation trends.

"Movements were dull all day. A wait-and-see mood ahead of US CPI data dominated trading here," said Yoshinari Terayama, a customer dealer at Sumitomo Trust and Banking.

The dollar closed at 132.10 yen and 1.8604 West German marks against 132.19 yen and 1.8608 marks at Monday's New York close.

The dollar opened here at 132.23 yen and 1.8604 marks, after ending little changed against most currencies, but

gaining ground against the yen in slow overseas trading.

The yen has been overshadowed by concerns over political uncertainty surrounding the Recruit scandal, while the mark has been aided by continuing speculation over possible modification or abolition of the West German withholding tax.

Tokyo share prices finished mixed after fluctuating in a narrow range through the day in moderate trade.

The market was supported by individual buying in incentive-backed issues," said Yoshio Shimoyama, head of equities at Nikko Securities Co Ltd.

Nomura Securities' Tsuneco Ishii attributed the index's loss this morning trading to sales for profit-taking ahead of the price index announcement in Washington.

The Nikkei index firmed 13.33 points to close at 33,321.66. The key 225-share index ended 157.89 points higher on Monday.

"The big focus of the market

is the wholesale price index," said one market strategist. Japan's March wholesale price index was due to be released later in the day.

"The market is very thematic and incentive-backed," said a broker at a foreign firm. "People are generally fairly quiet ahead of a lot of figures."

Gold was worth about \$385.60 an ounce in late Tokyo trading compared with \$383.35 in New York on Monday.

In Sydney, Australian stock prices closed slightly firmer despite the announcement of a worse-than-expected current account deficit for March, brokers said.

"Following continued bouts of selling on the bourse over the past weeks, there was no reason for investors to over-react to the poor deficit figure," one broker said.

The main market index closed up 1.7 points at 1,421.4 after reaching 1,425.2 in early trade.

In Hong Kong, stocks were mixed.

## Poll finds farmers wary of leasing

MOSCOW, April 18. (AP): Collective farmers are wary and confused about new laws permitting them to lease land, but most see the move toward private property as the only cure for the country's agricultural crisis, according to a poll published today.

The poll of 176 heads of collective farms by the Kurak Agricultural Institute found that only one-fifth believed strongly in leasing and almost half answered, "I have doubts about it, but I just don't see any other way."

Results were published in the Communist Party daily Pravda.

Y. Vorobyov, dean of the institute in Kurak, a southwestern Russian city, said many feared that what they could achieve on private land could be lost if the government later reversed its support of leasing.

One-fifth of the farmers believed leasing would only make things worse, and 7 per cent "consider the situation so far gone that they don't see any way out of it," Pravda reported.

Investment President Mikhail S. Gorbachev told party leaders last month they must give farmers a feeling that they are masters of the land, because billions of roubles in investment had brought only marginal increases in harvest from the largely collectivized agriculture system.

On April 9, a new decree was published giving Soviet citizens sweeping rights to lease land for 50 or more years, pass it on to their children and sub-lease it. The decree created property rights that had been virtually non-existent under 70 years of communism.

Asked about the main obstacles to leasing, 38 per cent of the poll's respondents cited farmers' reluctance to undertake a new enterprise, 34 per cent pointed to farm specialists' duty to be "serious and long-term," and 22 per cent cited "unclear" ideas among farm leaders themselves about what leasing meant.

In all, however, almost two-thirds saw leasing as a positive phenomenon, Pravda reported.

Economic growth below target

## Pakistan seeks \$3b overseas aid

ISLAMABAD, April 18. (Reuters): Pakistan, seeking \$3 billion foreign aid, reported economic shortfalls in the current fiscal year but forecast a turnaround in the year from July 1.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government has asked for \$300 million more than pledged last year from a World Bank-sponsored consortium meeting in Paris this week, citing the need for extra funds to help the transition to democracy after 11 years of military rule.

Pakistan's economic growth is estimated below target, prices have risen and the balance of payments deficit is likely to rise during the financial year ending on June 30, government officials said.

Improvement

They said they expected an improvement in the fiscal year beginning on July 1, which they regard as crucial as it will be Prime Minister Bhutto's first full year in office.

Government spokesmen use the restoration of democracy as an argument for more aid to help new government's development objectives, which they say is to alleviate poverty and raise the standard of living.

Pakistan has said it will ask for \$3.011 billion from the annual consortium meeting from April 19-20. Last year's commitments amounted to \$2.7 billion.

The new package must have \$2.05 billion in project aid, \$815 million in "commodity and programme-type assistance" and \$110 million in food aid, a



Benazir Bhutto

memorandum sent to the consortium said.

A request for aid for more than three million Afghan war refugees in Pakistan will be submitted separately.

The aid-to-Pakistan consortium includes Belgium, Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway and the United States.

Bhutto took office last December as the first woman prime minister of a Muslim nation, after her Pakistan People's Party won the country's first party-based elections in 11 years.

She adopted a previous caretaker government's budget

for fiscal 1988/89 as well as an agreement with the International Monetary Fund for reforms, including cutting government subsidies on food and utility services.

The government officials forecast GDP growth rate for 1988/89 at 5.2 per cent, down from 5.9 per cent the previous year.

Growth in agriculture was likely to be 4.2 per cent against a target of almost seven per cent.

They blamed the shortfalls mainly on sudden floods last September which hit rice and cotton crops and ethnic riots in the key industrial cities of Karachi and Hyderabad.

## \$4.03b projects planned for Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, April 18. (OPEC-NA): New projects aimed at socio-economic growth and worth an estimated \$4.03 billion are to be implemented in Abu Dhabi over the next decade.

Saeed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, secretary of the Abu Dhabi Planning Department and Executive Council member, said the department had prepared a medium-term report outlining the basic requirements of the Abu Dhabi emirate in the next decade.

He said: "They include promotion and development of the economic, social, productive and services sectors in the capital city of Abu Dhabi as well as in villages and remote islands."

He pointed out that the completion of the second phase of the massive Al Taweela hydro-electric project would have top priority in the next few years. He said, execution procedures for initiating the project, including the installation of turbines, pump-

ing stations, reservoirs, transmission and distribution lines for electricity and water and other associated work, will be taken up this year.

The other projects to be carried out in the next 10 years, he went on to say, included new desalination and generating plants at the western Umm Al Nar station, control systems for power and water networks, construction of branch stations and installation of new cables and aerial lines.

## Government may buy difficult loans

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The proposed solution is aimed at solving a vital shortcoming of the scheme, which resulted from the scenario of the division of local banks into "deficit banks and surplus banks." This, in essence, results in a sharp drop in the value of the banks' shares — subsequently leading to a "domino effect" on other share scripts.

Reliable sources said: "When the state purchases the debts of these banks, it will be positively contributing to helping these banks out of their liabilities." By keeping the difficult loan crisis in abeyance, profits of local banks and their overall operations will be adversely affected, the sources added.

They went on to stress that the success of the proposed solution will pave the way for a big financial and economic boost, thereby mobilising the stock market and giving a boost particularly to banks' shares. The sources pointed out that prior to the implementation of the settlement scheme in August 1986, prices of bank shares were almost similar whereas presently there is a great difference in the percentage of variation, they said.

The success of the scheme will also ensure the restoration of all its loans, thus strengthening its resolve in not allocating some amounts as reserves to face any consequences resulting from the difficult loan issue. The extra liquidity resulting will create better opportunities and a conducive climate to put the national economy back on the fast track. It will also encourage indebted investors to return to the market after they have been bailed out from their present predicaments.

## Italy to liberalise trade with Poland

ROME, April 18. (KUNA): Italy has decided to liberalise trade with Poland in prelude for lifting restrictions on imports from socialist countries, it was officially announced here Monday.

The announcement was made by Italian Foreign Trade Minister Renato Ruggiero during a meeting here today with his Polish counterpart, who is starting a several-day official visit to Italy. Ruggiero today signed a special decree allowing import of different varieties of pulp, car tyres and glass from Poland.

## Maxwell among 8 bidders for the Jerusalem Post

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 18. (Reuters): Israel's Koor industries said yesterday it had received eight bids for the English-language daily the Jerusalem Post by yesterday evening and expected more by the midnight tonight deadline.

British publisher Robert Maxwell and the Canadian Claridge Group, headed by Charles Bronfman, made a joint bid for the Post but their spokesman, Moshe Teomin, refused to disclose how much they offered.

Teomin said the Maxwell Bronfman Group would make public today their plan for expanding the influential left-leaning Post from its daily circulation of about 28,000.

An aide to Maxwell told Reuters that the press magnate, chairman of the Maxwell Communication Corp, wanted to make the Post the "international voice of Israel" by publishing it simultaneously in Britain and the United States each day.

Koor spokesman Amnon Bar-

Noy said he could not name any of the bidders because Koor, whose Israel Investors Corporation (IIC) subsidiary owns a 55 per cent stake in the Post, would not open the bids until after the deadline.

Assets

Bar-Noy said Koor, the troubled labour federation-owned conglomerate that is selling off assets as part of a recovery plan, was interested in raising money but was not committed to sell to the highest bidder.

The Maxwell aide, who asked not to be named, said the Maxwell-Bronfman team would try to acquire total control of the Post.

"If they get the 55 per cent, they will go for the 45 per cent owned by (Israel's) Bank Hapoalim," he said.

The Maxwell-Bronfman partnership stunned Post employees. Israeli newspapers reported late last week that Bronfman was leaning toward joining Australian businessman Richard

Pratt to bid against Maxwell.

Post employees fear that Maxwell, who last month criticised the editor of a Hebrew-language daily in which he owns a minority stake, would alter the Post's dovish editorial line if he gained a controlling stake.

Pratt, who owns Jewish newspapers in Australia, placed a bid for the Post, industry sources said.

Arye Genger, a US-based Israeli businessman with close ties to hawkish Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, was also to have made a formal bid. Newspapers reported Genger had already offered \$5 million for Koor's shares.

Industry sources said other international Jewish financiers were interested in buying the Post, which is read by government leaders, diplomats, the foreign media, and English-speaking Israelis and Palestinians. The Post publishes a weekly edition that is distributed worldwide.

Higher output predicted

## North Sea drilling is brisk

LONDON, April 18. (Reuters): Hectic new drilling for petroleum in the North Sea is the latest sign that more British oil may be produced in the 1990s than most pundits had thought.

Rather than a steady decline in output from a peak in 1985, analysts who specialise in British North Sea developments now predict a possible rebound early next decade.

British North Sea oil output at mid-April prices is worth about £20 million (\$35 million) each day.

"The United Kingdom will certainly be self-sufficient in oil for longer with a higher production plateau than once expected," reports brokerage James Capel's Petroleum Services Department.

Production New discoveries are being made. Mature fields may produce more oil than forecast, helped by new technology. And the oil industry has learned to cut costs since prices fell in 1986, so fields which once looked uneconomic may now turn a profit.

"North Sea output should be higher up to 1993 then slip after 1995," agreed Gareth Lewis-Davies at brokers County Nat-

west Woodmac who also specialise on the North Sea.

He said British production may not return to match the 1985 peak, when it averaged 2.64 million barrels daily, but that it could rise fairly close to that. It was 2.31 million in 1988.

A report by Capel in April says drilling for petroleum in British, Norwegian, Dutch and Irish offshore waters continues apace this year and is likely to beat a 1988 total of 164 exploration wells and 56 appraisal wells.

It said the Anglo-Dutch Shell Group, British Petroleum and US-based Conoco and Amoco were the busiest operators.

Meanwhile the British government says there is good industry interest in its latest invitation to bid for North Sea exploration licences. The department of energy is expected to announce results of an 11th licensing round in June or July.

"How good is the North Sea? It compares favourably with

other areas," said Woodmac's Lewis-Davies. "You have to take account of political stability and a tax regime which is pretty fair, such as to encourage further development."

Alan Sinclair, with brokers Smith New Court, shared that view. "It's difficult to find anyone who won't agree that the North Sea is a good place to be," he said. "There is an attractive fiscal regime. The infrastructure is in place."

Oil was first discovered in British waters in 1969 and production began in 1975. There are now 35 producing oil fields with two giants, Forties and Brent, together accounting for almost a third of production.

Analysts say that nobody bets on finding another of those but smaller fields almost certainly remain to be tapped, perhaps as satellites of existing ones which makes them cheap to develop.

## Panel sees continued strength in US economy

WASHINGTON, April 18. (Reuters): A congressional panel said today it saw continued strength in the US economy, but it also warned of weakness and uncertainties that threatened future growth and prosperity.

"The American economy enters its seventh year of recovery with significant strengths and a reasonable prospect of continued expansion," the congressional Joint Economic Committee concluded in a report.

It said the US central bank, the Federal Reserve, was walking a thin line in making monetary policy given the maturity of the current expansion and a 15-year low unemployment rate that brings the economy close to full employment.

Panel

"The Fed has less margin for error — an easy monetary policy is more likely to produce inflation than additional real growth in today's economy, but excessive monetary restraint could derail the recovery," the report said.

The Democrat majority on the panel complained that current US economic policies were geared too much toward short-run

gratification rather than long-term economic strength.

"These same policies may make even our short-term gratification unsustainable, we have reduced flexibility to deal with any economic shock," the Democrats said.

But the Republican minority cautioned against too much government intrusion into an economy that has shown surprising strength.

"If federal fiscal, monetary, regulatory and international trade policies continue to be stable and incentive-based, the expansion will continue," the Republicans said.

The panel's report said the economy's weakest points were the nation's low savings rate and the vulnerability of many financial institutions, including failing savings and loans associations, known popularity as thrifts, and commercial banks with risky Third World loans.

"The shakiness of those loans and of many (savings and loans associations) is a danger to the economic expansion," it said. The federal budget deficit has been the biggest contributor to the erosion of domestic savings

needed to finance business investment and research and development for the future, it said.

The report noted that foreign investment in the United States has increased substantially in recent years.

The United States will remain dependent on foreign capital, which has helped finance the budget deficit, until it turns its trade deficit into a surplus large enough to meet mounting interest and dividend obligations to foreigners, it concluded.

Concern

It also expressed concern about the composition of current economic growth and prospects for recession and inflation.

"Over the last two years, the economy had begun a healthy transition to growth based on investment and exports," it said. "However, that transition may have stalled in late 1988 investment and exports slowed."

The country needed growth in exports and investment to help close its trade gap. If those areas slow and consumer demand became the engine of economic growth, the trade deficit could worsen considerably, the report said.

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| NAME                  | LAST  | CHG |
| ABSEY LFE             | 285.0 |     |
| ADT LTD               | 165.0 |     |
| ALD LYONS             | 443.0 |     |
| AMSTRAD               | 140.0 |     |
| ARGYLL GP             | 184.0 |     |
| ASDA GP               | 147.0 |     |
| BAA                   | 363.0 |     |
| BAT INDS              | 362.0 |     |
| BARCLAYS              | 432.0 |     |
| BASS                  | 905.0 |     |
| BEAZER                | 205.0 |     |
| BEECHAMS              | 619.0 |     |
| BELFORD               | 154.0 |     |
| BICC PLC              | 480.0 |     |
| BLUE ARMY             | 91.0  |     |
| BLUE CIRC             | 519.0 |     |
| BOC GP                | 492.0 |     |
| BOOTS CO              | 268.0 |     |
| BPS INDS              | 246.0 |     |
| BR COM                | 196.0 |     |
| BR AIRWAY             | 196.0 |     |
| BR AEROSP             | 575.0 |     |
| BR GAS RG             | 175.0 |     |
| BR LAND               | 378.0 |     |
| B.P.                  | 279.0 |     |
| B.P.FP                | 277.0 |     |
| BR STEEL              | 82.4  |     |
| BR TELCOM             | 274.0 |     |
| BURMAN OL             | 559.0 |     |
| BURTON                | 205.5 |     |
| CABLEWIR              | 494.0 |     |
| CADBURYS              | 347.0 |     |
| CALOR GRP             | 383.0 |     |
| CLINTON               | 863.0 |     |
| CLINTON R             | 305.0 |     |
| COOKSONS              | 300.0 |     |
| COURTAULD             | 352.0 |     |
| DALGETY               | 155.0 |     |
| DIXONS                | 520.0 |     |
| ENGT CHINA            | 150.0 |     |
| ENTER GULF            | 172.0 |     |
| FKI BACCK             | 105.0 |     |
| FISCONS               | 294.0 |     |
| GATEWAY               | 185.0 |     |
| GEN ACCID             | 958.0 |     |
| GEN ELEC              | 235.0 |     |
| GLAXO                 | 377.0 |     |
| GRANDAD               | 377.0 |     |
| GLOBE                 | 314.0 |     |
| GLYNED                | 201.0 |     |
| GUARD RYL             | 363.0 |     |
| GNIL                  | 448.0 |     |
| GUINNESS              | 748.0 |     |
| HMWERSH A             | 184.5 |     |
| HANSON                | 187.0 |     |
| HARRISON C            | 648.0 |     |
| HAKER SID             | 66.0  |     |
| HILLSDOWN             | 223.0 |     |

| LONDON (Beta Stocks) |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| NAME                 | CLOSE | OPEN  |
| 2ND ALLCE            | 860.0 | 862.0 |
| 600 GROUP            | 118.0 | 118.0 |
| A.AMER TS            | 425.0 | 425.0 |
| A.S.ELECT            | 393.0 | 396.0 |
| A.S.W.HLD            | 274.0 | 274.0 |
| AAB KEHT             | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| AAH HLD              | 389.0 | 388.0 |
| AARONSON             | 111.0 | 111.0 |
| ADDISON              | 46.0  | 47.0  |
| ADVEST               | 169.0 | 168.0 |
| ALEX WRIK            | 190.0 | 190.0 |
| ALEXON               | 378.0 | 378.0 |
| ALLD COLL            | 139.4 | 139.0 |
| ALLD IR B            | 323.0 | 323.0 |
| ALLD LON             | 142.0 | 142.0 |
| ALLD PART            | 73.0  | 74.0  |
| ALLIANCE             | 974.0 | 972.0 |
| AMBER DAY            | 52.4  | 53.0  |
| AMEC                 | 428.0 | 428.0 |
| AMER TST             | 153.4 | 153.4 |
| AMERSHAM             | 498.0 | 497.0 |
| ANI HLTCR            | 357.0 | 357.0 |
| ANGLIA SC            | 397.0 | 398.0 |
| ANGITA TV            | 260.0 | 259.0 |
| ANSBACHER            | 77.0  | 78.0  |
| APPLEYARD            | 182.0 | 183.0 |
| APV PLC              | 150.0 | 150.0 |
| ASHLEY LA            | 107.4 | 108.0 |
| AUS REE A            | 243.0 | 242.0 |
| AUTO SECS            | 288.0 | 289.0 |
| AVEL PLC             | 99.0  | 98.0  |
| AVESD                | 145.0 | 145.0 |
| AVIS RENT            | 377.0 | 378.0 |
| AVON RUBB            | 607.0 | 607.0 |
| B.M.WILLI            | 243.0 | 243.0 |
| BAILL JAP            | 526.0 | 526.0 |
| BAIRD SHI            | 94.0  | 94.0  |
| BAIRD (W)            | 243.0 | 244.0 |
| BANK IRE             | 313.0 | 314.0 |
| BANKER IT            | 87.0  | 87.0  |
| BARON GP             | 170.0 | 171.0 |
| BARST DEV            | 191.0 | 190.0 |
| BAYNES C             | 33.0  | 33.0  |
| BBA GROUP            | 184.0 | 184.0 |
| BEAR BRND            | 11.2  | 11.2  |
| BEATTIE J            | 160.0 | 160.0 |
| BELHAVEN             | 49.0  | 49.0  |
| BELLWAY              | 222.0 | 221.0 |
| BEMROSE              | 234.0 | 233.0 |
| BENLONK              | 71.0  | 71.0  |
| BENKLEY              | 233.0 | 232.0 |
| BHM GROUP            | 134.0 | 134.0 |
| BK OF SCO            | 95.0  | 95.0  |
| BLACK LE 2           | 12.0  | 12.0  |
| BLK GROUP            | 439.0 | 440.0 |
| BNETT + F            | 91.4  | 93.0  |
| BOASE HAS            | 312.0 | 314.0 |
| BOODINGTON           | 164.0 | 163.0 |
| BOOTH SHP            | 489.0 | 488.0 |
| BOOTH HENR           | 463.0 | 463.0 |

| NEW YORK    |       |         |
|-------------|-------|---------|
| NAME        | OPEN  | MID-DAY |
| A BSCH COM  | 37.3  | 37.3    |
| ATLANTIC R  | 91.0  | 91.3    |
| ANR CORP    | 27.6  | 28.0    |
| ABBOTT LAB  | 55.5  | 55.4    |
| ACME CLVD   | 9.7   | 9.6     |
| ADV MICRO   | 9.0   | 8.7     |
| AEROF LAB   | 5.1   | 5.0     |
| AETNA LIFE  | 54.0  | 54.0    |
| ARMANSON    | 18.0  | 17.7    |
| AIR PR-CHM  | 42.6  | 42.7    |
| ALASKA AIR  | 25.4  | 24.7    |
| ALBERTSONS  | 42.3  | 42.3    |
| ALMA 8-16   | 0     | 0       |
| ALCAN ALUM  | 32.4  | 32.3    |
| ALCO STAND  | 27.1  | 27.1    |
| AM CAP SEC  | 20.3  | 20.7    |
| AM CYMAD    | 52.0  | 52.0    |
| AM FAMILY   | 18.0  | 17.7    |
| AM HOM PRO  | 87.5  | 87.4    |
| AM STNDARD  | 10.0  | 10.0    |
| AM STORES   | 60.0  | 60.0    |
| AM TEL-TEL  | 32.2  | 32.2    |
| AMOCO CORP  | 43.5  | 43.4    |
| AMP INC     | 42.4  | 43.4    |
| AMPCO PITT  | 14.6  | 14.6    |
| AMR CORP    | 61.5  | 61.5    |
| AMR GEN CO  | 34.7  | 35.1    |
| AMERADA NE  | 38.7  | 38.7    |
| ANTHER ELE  | 11.0  | 11.0    |
| APACHE CP   | 9.6   | 9.6     |
| APCAL 8-12  | 80.4  | 82.0    |
| ARMSTRONG   | 37.1  | 37.2    |
| ASHLAND OIL | 42.2  | 42.2    |
| ASIA PACIF  | 9.4   | 9.3     |
| ATLS CORP   | 27.4  | 27.5    |
| AVERT INC   | 23.6  | 23.6    |
| AVNET INC   | 22.2  | 22.5    |
| AVON PRODS  | 24.6  | 24.7    |
| BCE INC     | 31.1  | 31.1    |
| BELLSOUTH   | 41.7  | 41.7    |
| BELO CP A   | 27.2  | 27.3    |
| BETH STEEL  | 24.6  | 24.5    |
| BEVERLY     | 8.7   | 9.0     |
| BK BOSTON   | 25.7  | 25.5    |
| BK BOSTN-A  | 38.6  | 38.6    |
| BK N-YORK   | 44.7  | 45.3    |
| BK TR-NY    | 42.2  | 42.0    |
| BKAMERICA   | 23.6  | 23.6    |
| BKAM SPEC   | 6.4   | 6.4     |
| BOEING CO   | 71.2  | 71.2    |
| BOISE CASG  | 43.4  | 43.4    |
| BND IN GLD  | 8.1   | 8.1     |
| BORDEN      | 63.0  | 63.1    |
| BOATERS     | 28.6  | 28.6    |
| BR TELECOM  | 47.2  | 47.4    |
| BRIGGS-STY  | 27.0  | 26.7    |
| BRIST-HYER  | 48.3  | 48.3    |
| BRUNSWICK   | 18.7  | 18.7    |
| C 3 INC     | 9.6   | 10.0    |
| C HUD G-EL  | 20.6  | 20.7    |
| CABOT CORP  | 43.1  | 43.1    |
| CAESARS US  | 33.4  | 33.5    |
| CAL FREIGHT | 23.1  | 23.1    |
| CAS NAT GS  | 14.6  | 14.7    |
| CAT-COKE    | 28.1  | 28.1    |
| CATERPILL   | 59.0  | 59.0    |
| CBT INC     | 31.6  | 32.0    |
| CBS         | 186.3 | 186.0   |
| CENTEL CP   | 65.6  | 65.7    |
| CHAMP INTL  | 31.6  | 32.0    |
| CHAMP SPK   | 20.5  | 20.6    |
| CHARTER CO  | 4.7   | 4.7     |
| CHASE MAN   | 35.7  | 35.6    |
| CHENED CP   | 34.3  | 34.4    |
| CHENIC BNC  | 34.6  | 34.6    |
| CHEVRON     | 52.5  | 52.5    |
| CHRYSLER    | 24.3  | 24.4    |
| CHUBB CORP  | 68.5  | 68.5    |
| CHUR FR CH  | 5.7   | 5.7     |
| CIGNA CORP  | 55.0  | 55.0    |
| CIN NILACR  | 22.3  | 22.3    |
| CIR CIT ST  | 44.3  | 44.3    |
| CIRCLE K    | 15.7  | 15.6    |
| CLITCORP    | 29.1  | 29.2    |
| CLARK EQUI  | 37.1  | 36.5    |
| CLOREX      | 33.6  | 33.4    |
| CHPBL RES   | 14    | 13      |
| CHPBL SP    | 39.6  | 39.6    |
| CND PACIFIC | 20.1  | 20.2    |
| COACHMEN    | 10.0  | 10.1    |
| COASTAL     | 30.1  | 30.2    |
| COCA-COLA   | 51.5  | 52.0    |
| COLECO      | 14    | 14      |
| COLEMAN CO  | 73.6  | 73.5    |
| COLG-PALM   | 48.3  | 48.3    |
| COLUM GAS   | 36.6  | 36.6    |
| COLUMBUS-C  | 107.0 | 107.0   |
| CON EISON   | 33.4  | 33.4    |
| CONAGRA     | 32.6  | 32.6    |
| CON EDISON  | 46.3  | 46.4    |
| CONTINENTA  | 33.6  | 34.0    |
| CONTEL ILL  | 40.2  | 40.2    |
| CONTEL CP   | 52.7  | 52.6    |
| CONTR DATA  | 21.7  | 22.3    |
| COOPER T-R  | 26.0  | 25.7    |
| COOPER COR  | 4.5   | 4.5     |
| CORNING GL  | 33.6  | 34.0    |
| CRAY RES    | 54.3  | 53.7    |
| CULLINET    | 5.3   | 5.3     |
| DANA CORP   | 39.7  | 39.6    |
| DANIEL IND  | 13.6  | 13.6    |
| DATON MUD   | 46.7  | 46.6    |
| DEB         | 96.0  | 96.0    |
| DEERE CO    | 54.2  | 54.2    |
| DELTA AIR   | 61.2  | 61.3    |
| DIAMOND SH  | 24.5  | 24.3    |
| DIEBOLD     | 42.7  | 43.0    |
| DISNEY U    | 80.5  | 80.5    |
| DOVER CORP  | 29.3  | 29.4    |
| DOW CHEM    | 93.7  | 93.7    |
| DOW JENIC   | 31.5  | 32.1    |
| DRESSER IN  | 36.7  | 36.5    |
| DREYFUS     | 28.6  | 28.5    |
| DUKE POWER  | 44.7  | 44.7    |
| DUN BRAD    | 52.5  | 52.5    |
| DUPONT      | 106.3 | 106.6   |
| DUNESNE     | 17.6  | 17.7    |
| E SYSTEMS   | 24.0  | 23.7    |
| EAGLE PICH  | 28.3  | 28.5    |
| EASTERN G   | 14.1  | 14.2    |
| EMERSON EL  | 27.2  | 27.3    |
| EMERSON R   | 31.5  | 31.3    |
| ETHYL CP    | 4.4   | 4.3     |
| EXCON       | 24.0  | 23.7    |
| FAM DOL ST  | 11.1  | 11.1    |
| FED NAT M   | 68.0  | 68.1    |
| FIELDCREST  | 26.4  | 26.6    |
| FLEETWING   | 28.1  | 28.0    |
| FLETCO      | 33.6  | 34.0    |
| FMC CORP    | 46.0  | 46.0    |
| FORD MOTOR  | 48.0  | 48.2    |
| FOSTER WIL  | 17.4  | 17.4    |
| FRCHLD IND  | 15.6  | 15.6    |
| FREE MC OG  | 4.6   | 4.7     |
| FST BANK    | 20.6  | 20.6    |
| FST CHICAG  | 38.0  | 38.0    |
| FST INTERS  | 47.5  | 47.5    |
| FST MISSP   | 17.2  | 17.4    |
| GANNETT CO  | 40.0  | 40.0    |
| GAP STORES  | 41.1  | 41.3    |
| GALVESTON   | 3.0   | 3.0     |
| GATX CORP   | 59.0  | 59.0    |
| GCA DATA    | 5.6   | 5.7     |

| NEW YORK     |       |         |
|--------------|-------|---------|
| NAME         | OPEN  | MID-DAY |
| GEN DYNMCS   | 55.0  | 55.0    |
| GEN ELECT    | 46.6  | 46.7    |
| GEN HOST     | 8.7   | 8.6     |
| GEN INSTR    | 11.1  | 11.1    |
| GEN HOUSSR   | 28.6  | 29.0    |
| GEN HILLS    | 62.6  | 62.6    |
| GEN MOTORS   | 40.7  | 40.7    |
| GEN SIGNAL   | 52.4  | 52.4    |
| GENCORP      | 17.0  | 17.2    |
| GENETECH     | 17.3  | 17.4    |
| GENUINE PA   | 37.7  | 37.6    |
| NI MOH-10    | 0     | 75.2    |
| GEORGI-PAC   | 45.1  | 45.5    |
| GIBR FI CL   | *14   | *15     |
| GOLDEN HUG   | 17.5  | 17.7    |
| GOODRICH     | 52.7  | 52.6    |
| GOODYEAR     | 48.2  | 48.1    |
| GRACE UR     | 32.7  | 32.7    |
| GRAINGER     | 54.3  | 54.3    |
| GRAYHOUND    | 32.6  | 33.0    |
| GRUHAM       | 21.2  | 21.3    |
| GULF RES-C   | 11.1  | 11.0    |
| GULF-WESTN   | 50.4  | 50.2    |
| GIBR FI CL   | 30.1  | 29.7    |
| HALLIBURTN   | 14.3  | 14.2    |
| HALLWOOD     | 26.6  | 26.6    |
| HARRIS MIN   | 25.5  | 25.5    |
| HARRIS CO    | 28.1  | 28.1    |
| HARTMARX     | 27.2  | 27.3    |
| HEINZ NJ     | 50.3  | 50.2    |
| HELM CURTIS  | 52.2  | 52.4    |
| HELM-PAYNE   | 26.0  | 26.0    |
| HERCULES     | 46.7  | 47.0    |
| HEUL-PACK    | 55.5  | 55.3    |
| HILLCO       | 29.7  | 30.1    |
| HILLENBERG   | 30.6  | 30.5    |
| HILTM HITS   | 57.1  | 57.1    |
| HITACHI      | 117.0 | 118.2   |
| HMTAKE MIN   | 13.4  | 13.4    |
| HUNY-HARMN   | 20.2  | 20.2    |
| HOLIDAY C    | 34.2  | 34.1    |
| ATLS CORP    | 27.4  | 27.5    |
| HOME DEPOT   | 38.0  | 37.7    |
| HOMEREC      | 36.6  | 37.0    |
| HONDA MOTR   | 29.1  | 29.0    |
| HOUGHTON MI  | 71.2  | 71.2    |
| HOUGHTON MI  | 46.2  | 46.1    |
| HOUSTON IN   | 27.7  | 27.7    |
| HUGHES SUP   | 18.3  | 18.3    |
| HUMANA INC   | 30.3  | 30.2    |
| IBM          | 110.6 | 110.6   |
| ICI PHARMA   | 6.2   | 6.3     |
| ILLI PUR CO  | 14.2  | 14.3    |
| ILLIN 4-08   | 18.4  | 18.2    |
| INDIA GROUP  | 9.5   | 9.5     |
| INGRSL-RRA   | 38.6  | 38.7    |
| JEFF PILOT   | 34.6  | 34.7    |
| JER PW 8-5   | 78.2  | 80.0    |
| JOHNSON CO   | 37.0  | 37.1    |
| JOHNSON-JNS  | 93.1  | 93.0    |
| K HART CP    | 39.3  | 39.3    |
| KAN CI P-L   | 29.4  | 29.4    |
| KELLWOOD     | 30.0  | 30.2    |
| KERR MCGEE   | 43.3  | 43.4    |
| KEYSTONE     | 18.6  | 19.0    |
| KIMB-CLARK   | 62.5  | 62.5    |
| KLM R O AI   | 21.7  | 21.6    |
| KN RID WUS   | 46.4  | 46.6    |
| KROGER CP    | 10.6  | 10.6    |
| LEA ROMAL    | 17.1  | 17.0    |
| RAYMACH      | 1.5   | 1.5     |
| RAYMOND      | 67.4  | 67.5    |
| REYNOLD ME   | 56.5  | 57.0    |
| RJR NABISC   | 86.0  | 86.0    |
| ROCKES G-E   | 17.2  | 17.3    |
| ROCKWELL     | 22.0  | 22.0    |
| ROHM HAAS    | 32.3  | 33.0    |
| ROHR INDS    | 33.3  | 33.2    |
| ROLLINS EN   | 10.5  | 10.6    |
| ROLLINS IN   | 17.6  | 17.5    |
| ROPER GRP    | 40.7  | 40.5    |
| ROMAN COMP   | 7.3   | 7.4     |
| ROYL DUTCH   | 63.6  | 63.7    |
| RTV 1-25     | 2.6   | 2.5     |
| RTV 3-068    | 3.4   | 3.4     |
| RTV 5-25     | 10.3  | 10.3    |
| RYLAND GRP   | 20.7  | 20.7    |
| S DIEG G-E   | 37.2  | 37.3    |
| SALOMON      | 25.1  | 25.2    |
| SARA LEE     | 50.6  | 50.7    |
| SC ATLANTA   | 15.3  | 15.3    |
| SCOTT PPR    | 40.2  | 40.4    |
| SCOTTYS      | 14.7  | 14.6    |
| SE BANK CO   | 26.4  | 26.3    |
| SEAGRAM CO   | 70.6  | 71.0    |
| SEARULL EN   | 16.6  | 16.6    |
| SEALED AIR   | 45.0  | 45.0    |
| SEARS ROB    | 18.5  | 18.5    |
| SA STN PAC   | 22.2  | 22.1    |
| SHER PLOW    | 40.4  | 40.4    |
| SHRITK BEC   | 62.2  | 62.2    |
| SNAP ON TL   | 36.7  | 36.6    |
| SOURCE CAP   | 37.7  | 37.7    |
| SOUTHERN     | 24.0  | 24.0    |
| SPAIN FUND   | 11.0  | 10.6    |
| SPERRY       | 10.2  | 10.2    |
| SQUARE D     | 53.6  | 54.0    |
| SUBSEA       | 31.0  | 30.7    |
| STON CONT    | 39.0  | 39.1    |
| SUN CO       | 58.2  | 58.0    |
| SUNSHINE MIN | 3.3   | 3.2     |
| SUPER VAL    | 24.0  | 24.0    |
| SUNWEST      | 27.1  | 27.2    |
| SW GAS       | 18.0  | 18.0    |
| SWAN BELL    | 44.6  | 44.6    |
| TOK          | 0     | 0       |
| TECO ENERG   | 25.4  | 25.4    |
| TEKTRONIX    | 34.0  | 34.0    |
| TELEPHONE    | 24.2  | 24.2    |
| TELEX CORP   | 0     | 0       |
| TERADYNE     | 12.5  | 12.5    |
| TESORO PET   | 12.3  | 12.4    |
| TEX AMER B   | *13   | *13     |
| TEX EAS TR   | 51.1  | 51.0    |
| TEXACO       | 54.0  | 53.7    |
| TEXAS INST   | 33.4  | 33.4    |
| TEXAS INST   | 40.6  | 40.4    |
| TEXTRON      | 27.2  | 27.2    |
| THOMPS MED   | 0     | 0       |
| TIDEMATER    | 9.7   | 10.0</  |



# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1989

## International Bond Highlights

WASHINGTON: Mexico will receive about \$1 billion of the \$3.6 billion agreed in principle with the International Monetary Fund unless it works out a deal with commercial banks to reduce its debt substantially, Treasury officials said. (PLDN 1701)

Washington: Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady conceded that debtor nations which do not qualify for his debt reduction plan might simply repudiate their debt. (DLFU 1922)

He also said he will not start discussions on a quota increase for the IMF until the end of the year and does not expect to ask Congress to approve a capital boost in fiscal 1990. (DLGP 1948)

London: An approaching deadline for swapping Brazilian loans into equity has boosted their prices by about 10 pct since last week in the secondary market for sovereign debt, market makers and dealers said. (DLFI 1851)

Milan: Merfoni Elettrodomestici SPA, an Italian domestic appliance maker, said it plans a convertible bond issue to raise up to 105 billion lire. (DLBY 1516)

Zurich: Switzerland's dominant bond underwriting syndicate will face its most serious challenge to-date if the government adopts recommendations announced today by the Swiss Cantonal Commission, bankers said. (Economic Spotlight EC8)

Amman: Bankers and economists generally welcome Jordan's sweeping price increases in line with IMF-agreed plans but the country's citizens are less happy. (XCLP 1801)

## Moscow to buy more consumer goods

MOSCOW, April 18, (AP): The Soviet Union is boosting imports of certain consumer goods this year to make up for chronic shortages, a newspaper report said.

The weekly Arguments and Facts in its April 15-21 edition quoted Deputy Trade Minister Suran Sarukhanov as saying that officials had added 5 billion roubles (\$8 billion) to this year's \$32.1 billion rouble (\$51.2 billion) fund for imports of consumer goods.

The money will go for 15 million pairs of leather shoes, 12 million pairs of warm women's boots, 300 million razor blades, 10 million compact cassette players, as well as clothing, soap and detergent, toothpaste and other goods, Sarukhanov was quoted as saying.

### Imports

Officials decided to boost imports in December, and Sarukhanov said the goods started to appear on store shelves this month. The boost in imports of consumer goods previously was not announced.

There was no information on whether the increased spending was a one-time decision, or whether it would be continued in the future.

Soviet officials have signed agreements with Yugoslavia, Turkey, Malta, Japan, Cyprus, Britain, West Germany, France, Italy and Finland, he was quoted as saying.

"Our partners were amazed... at our uncharacteristic urgency," Sarukhanov was quoted as saying. Radical economists have urged the Kremlin to

use some of its hard currency to boost imports to fill in gaps in the market while President Mikhail S. Gorbachev tries to reform the economy.

Gorbachev has said that improving the living conditions of Soviet citizens is the main goal of his reform effort. But after four years, supplies of food and consumer goods are worse than before the reforms started.

Officials announced last week that sugar will be rationed in Moscow beginning in May for the first time since World War II.

Gorbachev and other top officials have rejected calls for a sharp boost in imports of consumer goods, saying they prefer to spend the money on modernizing Soviet industry so that goods can be produced domestically.

Industry surveys also show it to be the third biggest coal producer after China and the United States, and also number three in generating electricity from nuclear power after the United States and France.

The Soviet Union consumes more primary energy from all sources than the whole of Western Europe put together.

But its oil refining industry, the largest after that of the United States, cannot produce enough petrol, said Caron Cooper of the University of California.

Instead, it is producing huge volumes of heavy fuel oil no longer needed for electricity generation because of the growing use of natural gas as a boiler fuel, Cooper said.

## AMMAN

| OPNG                | CLSG  |       |  |
|---------------------|-------|-------|--|
| ALA-ADDIN COMPANY   |       |       |  |
| ARAB ALUMINUM IND.  |       |       |  |
| ARAB BANK           |       |       |  |
| ARAB CHEMICAL DTR   |       |       |  |
| ARAB FINANCE CORP.  | 2.44  | 2.41  |  |
| ARAB INSURANCE      | 1.09  | 1.09  |  |
| ARAB INT. INV/TRADE |       |       |  |
| ARAB INT. UNION INS | 1.05  | 1.01  |  |
| ARAB INTER. HOTELS  |       |       |  |
| ARAB JOR/INVST/BK   | 2.35  | 2.30  |  |
| ARAB PAPER CO/TRA   | 0.45  | 0.43  |  |
| ARAB PHARMA/MANF.   |       |       |  |
| ARAB PHARMA/CHEN    |       |       |  |
| ARABIAN SEAS INS.   | 1.65  | 1.65  |  |
| BANK OF JORDAN      |       |       |  |
| BEIT AL-HAL/BEITHA  |       |       |  |
| BELGIUM INSURANCE   | 1.00  | 0.95  |  |
| CAIRO AMMAN BANK    | 31.00 | 30.00 |  |
| CONFECT/CHOCOLATE   | 1.05  | 1.25  |  |
| DAR AL SHAH PRESS   |       |       |  |
| DAR ALDAWA DV/INV.  |       |       |  |
| DARCO/INVEST/HOUSE  |       |       |  |
| FINANCE/CREDIT/COR  | 0.75  | 0.71  |  |
| GARAGE OWNERS OFF   | 4.55  | 4.60  |  |
| GENERAL INSURANCE   | 2.39  | 2.63  |  |
| GENERAL INVESTMENT  | 1.35  | 1.27  |  |
| GENERAL MINING      | 2.10  | 2.10  |  |
| HIMEN MINERALS      | 0.75  | 0.75  |  |
| HOLY LAND INS.      | 1.44  | 1.44  |  |
| IND./MATCH JENCO    |       |       |  |
| INDSTR. DEVLPT BKK  |       |       |  |
| INDSTR./COMM/AGR.   |       |       |  |
| JOR FINANCE HOUSE   | 0.75  | 0.75  |  |
| INTERCON/INV        | 0.13  | 0.13  |  |
| IRBID ELECTRICITY   | 0.90  | 0.90  |  |
| ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE  | 0.64  | 0.64  |  |
| ITERMED/PETRI/CH    |       |       |  |
| J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX  | 0.79  | 0.80  |  |
| JERUSALEM INS.      | 1.26  | 1.29  |  |
| JO TOBACCO/CIGARET  |       |       |  |
| JOR CERAMIC FACTOR  | 25.05 | 25.05 |  |
| JOR EAGLE INS.      | 1.45  | 1.45  |  |
| JOR ELECTRIC POWER  | 1.20  | 1.22  |  |
| JOR FINANCE HOUSE   |       |       |  |
| JOR GLASS INDUSTRY  | 2.30  | 2.30  |  |
| JOR HOTEL TOURISM   |       |       |  |
| JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.  |       |       |  |
| JOR INS AND FIN.    | 1.20  | 1.20  |  |
| JOR LEASING CORP.   | 0.79  | 0.83  |  |
| JOR LIM BRICK       |       |       |  |
| JOR MANAG/CONSULT   | 0.50  | 0.50  |  |
| JOR NATIONAL BANK   |       |       |  |
| JOR PAPER CARDBROG  | 3.75  | 3.60  |  |
| JOR PHOSPHATE MINS  |       |       |  |
| JOR PIPES MANUFACT  |       |       |  |
| JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.  | 1.79  | 1.72  |  |
| JOR PRINTING/PACK.  | 4.25  | 4.40  |  |
| JOR RICE COOL IND.  |       |       |  |
| JOR SECURIT CORP.   | 1.12  | 1.11  |  |
| JOR SELPHO CHEM.    |       |       |  |
| JOR WOOD INDUSTRY   |       |       |  |
| JOR WORSTED MLL     |       |       |  |
| JOR. KUWAIT AGR     | 0.91  | 0.91  |  |
| JOR. PETROLEUM REF  |       |       |  |
| JOR. FRENCH INS.    | 5.45  | 5.45  |  |
| JOR. INV. FIN. CORP | 2.30  | 2.30  |  |
| JORDANIAN GULF REAL |       |       |  |
| JORDAN DAIRY        |       |       |  |
| JORDAN GULF BANK    |       |       |  |
| JORDANIAN INSURANCE | 0.94  | 0.95  |  |
| JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK  |       |       |  |
| JORDAN KUWAIT BANK  | 1.42  | 1.42  |  |
| LIVESTOCK/POULTRY   | 0.75  | 0.71  |  |
| MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN  |       |       |  |
| MAS INDUSTRIES      | 0.69  | 0.73  |  |
| MID EAST EXCHANGE   | 1.17  | 1.11  |  |
| MIDDEL EAST HOTEL   | 0.42  | 0.40  |  |
| MIDDEL EAST INS     |       |       |  |
| MINERALS RESEARCH   | 0.75  | 0.75  |  |
| NAT. FIN. INVEST CO | 2.10  | 2.15  |  |
| NAT/CABEL/HIRE/RF   |       |       |  |
| NATIONAL AHLIA INS  |       |       |  |
| NATIONAL INDUSTRY   | 0.97  | 0.97  |  |
| NATIONAL POLY       | 0.88  | 0.88  |  |
| NATIONAL STEEL      |       |       |  |
| ORIENT DRY BATTERY  | 0.25  | 0.28  |  |
| PETRA BANK          | 0.90  | 0.90  |  |
| PETRA JOR. INS.     | 0.35  | 0.35  |  |
| PHILADELPHIA INS.   | 1.10  | 1.11  |  |
| PRECAST CONCRETE    |       |       |  |
| RAFFIA INDUSTRIAL   | 1.82  | 1.91  |  |
| REAL ESTATE INV.    | 0.65  | 0.64  |  |
| SHIPPING LINES      |       |       |  |
| SPINNING WEAVING    |       |       |  |
| THE HOUSING BANK    |       |       |  |
| UNITED INSURANCE    | 1.16  | 1.16  |  |
| UNIVERSAL CHEN. IND |       |       |  |
| UNIVERSAL INS.      | 0.65  | 0.68  |  |
| WOOLEN INDUSTRIES   | 0.90  | 0.85  |  |
| YARMOUK INSURANCE   | 1.30  | 1.30  |  |

## PHILIPPINES MAKATI

| COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR |        |        |        | BC-A       | 79.00                         | 79.50 | 79.00 |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| STOCK                        | BUY    | SELL   | OPEN   | LC-A       | .29                           | .30   | .30   |
| AC-A                         | 19.00  | 19.25  | 18.75  | LC-B       | .30 <th>.31</th> <th>.31</th> | .31   | .31   |
| ANS                          | 2.55   | 2.60   | 2.50   | PX-A       | .31                           | .32   | .30   |
| GLO                          | 31.50  | 32.00  | 31.50  | PX-B       | .31                           | .32   | .31   |
| PLDT                         | 295.00 | 297.50 | 292.50 | OIL SECTOR |                               |       |       |
| KPSI-B                       | 3.35   | 3.50   |        | BP-A       | .014                          | .015  | .015  |
|                              |        |        |        | BP-B       | .015                          | .016  | .015  |
| SNC-A                        | 203.00 | 204.00 | 203.00 | LRC-A      | .0034                         | .0036 | .0034 |
| SNC-B                        | 262.50 |        | 260.00 | LRC-B      | .0034                         | .0036 |       |
| MINING SECTOR                |        |        |        | OPH-A      | .045                          | .046  | .045  |
| APX-A                        | .021   | .022   | .021   | OPH-B      | .046                          | .047  |       |
| APX-B                        | .021   | .022   | .022   | OV-A       | .041                          | .042  | .041  |
| AT-A                         | 52.00  | 52.50  | 48.00  | OV-B       | .041                          | .042  | .042  |

## Makati Stock Market Report

| OFFICIAL INFORMATION | SHARES        | VALUE         | AVERAGES | CHANGES   |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| C/I                  | 777,550       | 14,260,522.50 | 1,092.00 | 11.79 UP  |
| MINING               | 1,406,308,950 | 41,844,960.00 | 5,274.84 | 135.60 UP |
| OIL                  | 414,100,000   | 11,495,760.00 | 6.075    | UNCHANGED |
| TOTAL                | 1,821,186,500 | 67,601,242.50 | 946.09   | 10.77 UP  |

## PHILIPPINES MANILA

| COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR |        |        |        |  |            |       |       |       |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| STOCK                        | BUY    | SELL   | OPEN   |  | BC-A       | 79.00 | 79.50 | 79.00 |
| SNC-A                        | 203.00 | 204.00 | 203.00 |  | BC-B       | 86.00 | 90.00 |       |
| SNC-B                        | 262.50 | 265.00 | 262.50 |  | LC-A       | .29   | .30   | .29   |
| SD-TIRE*                     | 38.00  |        |        |  | LC-B *     | .30   | .31   | .30   |
| PLDT                         | 295.00 | 297.50 | 295.00 |  | ZIP        | .014  | .015  | .014  |
| ANSOR-A                      | 2.55   | 2.60   | 2.55   |  | OIL SECTOR |       |       |       |
| AC-A                         | 19.00  | 19.25  | 18.50  |  | STOCK      | BUY   | SELL  | OPEN  |
| GLO                          | 31.00  | 31.50  | 31.00  |  | BP-A       | .015  | .016  | .015  |
| FER-A                        | 2.30   | 2.32   | 2.30   |  | BP-B       | .015  | .016  |       |
| FER-B                        | 2.44   | 2.60   |        |  | LC-A       | .0032 | .0038 |       |
| MINING SECTOR                |        |        |        |  | LC-B       | .0034 | .0038 |       |
| STOCK                        | BUY    | SELL   | OPEN   |  | OPH-A      | .045  | .046  | .046  |
| APX-A                        | .021   | .022   | .021   |  | OPH-B      | .047  | .048  | .047  |
| APX-B                        | .021   | .022   | .022   |  | OV-A       | .04   | .041  | .041  |
| AT-A                         | 52.50  | 53.00  | 48.00  |  | OV-B       | .041  | .042  | .042  |
| AT-B                         | 52.50  | 53.00  | 48.50  |  | TA         | .023  | .024  | .023  |

## Manila Stock Market Report

| OFFICIAL INFORMATION | SHARES      | VALUE      | AVERAGES | CHANGES   |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| C/I                  | 1,656,620   | 13,582,500 | 1084.62  | UP 1.85   |
| MINING               | 440,007,200 | 41,944,800 | 4922.55  | UP 103.95 |
| OILS                 | 367,650,000 | 8,948,230  | 7.060    | DN 0.067  |
| TOTAL                | 809,313,820 | 64,475,530 | 942.11   | UP 3.53   |

## SINGAPORE

| NAME       | LAST PR | CL  | G KENT     | 73   | 7  | KEPPEL     | 434 | 42 |
|------------|---------|-----|------------|------|----|------------|-----|----|
| ADDF A     |         |     | G LUMBER   | 133  | 13 | KUMP ENAS  | 162 | 15 |
| ADDF B     |         |     | G TOAN     |      | 10 | EN         | 162 | 15 |
| ALJINOMOTO | 114     | 11  | G U HLDGS  | ---  | 10 | M FEEDMIL  | --- | 3  |
| ANAL PRO   | 30      | 3   | GEN CORP   | 79   | 8  | N FLOUR    | 280 | 27 |
| ANCOL      | 171     | 17  | GENTING    | 570  | 58 | N GLASS    | 241 | 24 |
| BARJAYA    | 129     | 13  | GEOR T RCH |      | 19 | N UTD IND  | 235 | 24 |
| BOUSTEAD   | 141     | 14  | GSI        | 138  | 13 | N UTD MFG  | 101 | 9  |
| CARLSBERG  | 550     | 54  | GUINNESS   | 386  | 37 | N WATA     | 101 | 10 |
| CCN        | 34      | 34  | GULA       | ---  | 28 | MAGNUM     | 270 | 27 |
| CEREBOES   | 545     | 55  | H L IND.   | 245  | 24 | MALEX IND  | 38  | 38 |
| CHEM IND   | 310     | 31  | HARIMAU    | 121  | 11 | NCB HLDGS  | 11  | 11 |
| CK TANG    | 408     | 40  | RAW PAR    | 322  | 32 | MINEBREA   | 43  | 4  |
| COLD STOR  | 374     | 37  | HEXDA      | 78   | 76 | MULPHALD   | 43  | 4  |
| CS HLDGS   | 44.5    | 4   | INNO-PAC   | 162  | 15 | MURATAP    | 107 | 10 |
| DCK        | 49      | 49  | INNOVEST   | 105  | 9  | N ST TIME  | 332 | 33 |
| DMB BHD    | 143     | 14  | INT WOOD   | 41   | 4  | NB TIMBER  | 102 | 99 |
| DUTA COM   | ---     | --- | ISETAN     | 685  | 69 | ROBINSON   | 276 | 26 |
| DUTCHBARY  | 42      | 42  | J SHIPYARD | 545  | 55 | ROTH IND   | 202 | 19 |
| ELEC MAGN  | 208     | 19  | JACKS LTD  | 128  | 12 | S FODDER   | 7   | 7  |
| ESSO ORD   | 360     | 36  | JC ENT     | 10   | 10 | S PACIFIC  | 33  | 33 |
| FU YAN S   | 248     | 24  | JC-NPH     | 124  | 12 | S PRESS    | 675 | 67 |
| F A C B    | 352     | 35  | JOHAN HOG  | 46.5 | 46 | S PRESS F  | 72  | 72 |
| F E SHIP   | 1010    | 101 | K KELLAS   | 91   | 9  | S SHIP     | 476 | 47 |
| FEB BHD    | 45      | 45  | KAMUNING   | 91   | 9  | S SAMPY    | 100 | 10 |
| FINA FLD   | 30      | 30  | KE SANG    | 10   | 10 | S SELL ORD | 505 | 50 |
| FUJITEC    | 65      | 65  | KECK SENG  | 188  | 18 | ST STINIP  | 283 | 28 |

## Singapore Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSE NARROWLY MIXED

SINGAPORE, April 18, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED NARROWLY MIXED IN BECTIC AFTERNOON TRADE, BROKERS SAID.

THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX CLOSED 0.76 POINT TO 1257.57 FROM MONDAY'S POST-CRASH HIGH OF 1258.33.

DECLINES OUTPACED ADVANCES BY 111 TO 104. TURNOVER DROPPED TO 135.0 MLN SHARES AGAINST MONDAY'S ALL-TIME HIGH OF 183.0 MLN.

BROKERS SAID THE MARKET TOOK A LONG-AWAITED BREATHING AT THE OUTSET AS SHARE PRICES FELL ON WIDESPREAD PROFIT-TAKING AFTER RECENT CONTINUOUS GAINS. BUT SPECULATIVE BUYING AND BARGAIN HUNTING SOON RETURNED TO REVERSE THE TREND, THEY SAID.

## KUWAIT

| BANK SECTOR                             | P.CLS | LT    | HIGH  | LOW   | VOL     | TRAD |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|------|
| -NATIONAL BANK                          | 0.950 | 0.960 | 0.960 | 0.950 | 185000  | 10   |
| -GULF BANK                              | 0.375 | 0.375 | 0.375 | 0.375 | 540000  | 16   |
| -COMMERCIAL BK                          | 0.280 | 0.280 | 0.280 | 0.275 | 1340000 | 33   |
| -AMLI BANK                              | 0.325 | 0.325 | 0.325 | 0.325 | 210000  | 15   |
| -B.K.N.E.                               | 0.330 | 0.325 | 0.325 | 0.325 | 10000   | 1    |
| -K.R.E.B.                               | 0.335 | 0.330 | 0.330 | 0.330 | 10000   | 1    |
| -BURBAN BANK                            | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290 | 1180000 | 35   |
| -K.F.HOUSE                              | 0.480 | 0.485 | 0.485 | 0.480 | 120000  | 6    |
| INVESTMENT SECTOR                       |       |       |       |       |         |      |
| -KVT INV. CO.                           | 0.095 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -K.F.T.C.I.C.                           | 0.210 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -K.I.I.C.                               | 0.068 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -COM.FACILITIES                         | 0.425 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -AMLIAN INV.                            | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -I.F.A.                                 | 0.048 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -INV. PEARL KVT                         | 0.087 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -NATIONAL INV.                          | 0.069 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -KVT PROJECTS.                          | 0.077 | 0.081 | 0.081 | 0.078 | 680000  | 1    |
| INSURANCE SECTOR                        |       |       |       |       |         |      |
| -KVT INSURANCE                          | 0.610 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -GULF INSURANCE                         | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -AMLI INS. CO.                          | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -WARBA INS. CO.                         | 0.340 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| REAL EST SECTOR                         |       |       |       |       |         |      |
| -KVT R.E.S.T. CO.                       | 0.132 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -UNI R.E.S.T. CO.                       | 0.055 | 0.056 | 0.056 | 0.056 | 40000   | 1    |
| -NAT R.E.S.T. CO.                       | 0.180 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -SALIHAN R.E.                           | 0.080 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -KVT R.E.I.COM                          | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| INDUSTRY SECTOR                         |       |       |       |       |         |      |
| -NAT IND. CO.                           | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -KVT M.P. IND.                          | 0.300 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -KVT CEMENT CO.                         | 0.170 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -REF. IND. CO.                          | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -N.A.M.T.CO.                            | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -GULF CABLE                             | 0.990 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -K.PH.IND. CO.                          | 0.184 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -CONT.MARINE                            | 0.280 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -K.SH.REP.CO.                           | 0.045 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| SERVICES SECTOR                         |       |       |       |       |         |      |
| -OVERSEAS TRANS                         | 0.082 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -K.N.C. CO.                             | 0.180 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -KVT HOTELS CO.                         | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -P.WAREHOUSING                          | 0.132 | 0.136 | 0.136 | 0.132 | 480000  | 1    |
| -COR.MKT.CMPX.                          | 0.080 | 0.081 | 0.082 | 0.081 | 640000  | 1    |
| -MOBILE TEL.                            | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.295 | 0.290 | 810000  | 3    |
| -KVT COMPUTER                           | 0.150 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| FOOD SECTOR                             |       |       |       |       |         |      |
| -LIVESTOCK T.T.                         | 0.150 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -UNTD FISHERIES                         | 0.140 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -UNTD POULTRY                           | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -KVT FOODS                              | 0.290 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -AGRI.FOOD PRD.                         | 0.150 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| NON-KVT SECTOR                          |       |       |       |       |         |      |
| -BHN.INTER.BK                           | 0.063 | 0.063 | 0.063 | 0.063 | 40000   | 1    |
| -BHN.M.EAST.BK.                         | 0.048 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -COAST INVEST.                          | 0.084 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -A.G.INV.GROP.                          | 0.032 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -FIRST.GULF BK                          | 0.550 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -BHN.KUM.GROP                           | 0.078 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -GULF MEDICAL.                          | 0.033 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE                   |       |       |       |       |         |      |
| COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET |       |       |       |       |         |      |
| FINANCIAL SECTOR                        | P.CLS | LT    | HIGH  | LOW   | VOL     | TRAD |
| -GULF INTL INS                          | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -ARAB INT CO.                           | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -SHARJAH INS                            | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -GULF UNION INS                         | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -R.K.WHITE CMNT                         | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| -AJMAN CEMENT.                          | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| INDUSTRIAL SECTOR                       |       |       |       |       |         |      |
| B-FUJATRAH CENT                         | 0.000 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| C-SHARJAH CEMENT                        | 0.010 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |
| D-GULF CEMENT                           | 0.010 | ---   | ---   | ---   | ---     | ---  |



OPEC pact will bring more discipline to oil market

# GCC reserves total \$185 billion

ALTHOUGH strenuous efforts by governments in the Gulf to insulate their economies against the vagaries of the international oil market have been successful in promoting the development of their prospective non-oil sectors and in providing alternative sources of public finance, it still remains largely true that oil revenues constitute the main engine of economic growth for the member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), where they typically account for between 80 and 90 per cent of all export revenues, according to the NBK annual report.

A major problem confronted by oil exporters during 1988 was that of excess production, and in particular, the difficulty faced by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in convincing all its member states to abide by their prospective production quotas.

Although strenuous efforts were made by the GCC oil exporters during 1988 to co-operate with non-OPEC oil producers and to try to bring about an intra-OPEC consensus on production.

It is hoped that the agreement reached in late November by OPEC ministers to limit production at 18.5 million barrels per day will bring more discipline to the oil markets.

Although the impact which exists on oil revenue was to some extent ameliorated by an increase in oil production and exports by most GCC states during the year, the volume of oil revenue generated during 1988 was lower than that achieved during 1987, although still higher than during the trough year of 1986.

For the six GCC economies, the improvement in 1987's oil prices resulted in a narrowing current account deficit from \$5.6 billion to \$1.1 billion in 1987. The subsequent decline in prices during 1988 could widen the aggregate deficit to an estimated \$4 billion.

The aggregate hides considerable variation between the member states of the GCC, where the experience ranges from Kuwait and the UAE, which have maintained a surplus in their current accounts despite the decline in export

revenues, to Oman, Qatar, and Bahrain, whose current account went into deficit only as a result of the steep decline in oil prices during 1986.

At the other end of the scale is the experience of the GCC's largest economy — that of Saudi Arabia, whose current account has been recording deficits of about \$10 billion for most years since 1983.

**Deficit**  
Current account deficits in the GCC have traditionally been financed by capital inflows representing a repatriation of government financial reserves invested abroad. This reflected the government's principal tool of deficit financing, which in earlier years was limited to the drawdown of state reserves.

The question of how chronic public sector deficits can be financed is addressed as a major issue in three GCC countries — Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, which introduced or expanded public sector borrowing schemes during the year.

Existing stock markets in Kuwait and

Saudi Arabia witnessed an increase in activity and prices, while the embryonic markets of Bahrain, Oman and UAE were further developed.

Uncertainties over the delicate question of the legality and enforceability of interest were substantially reduced, and the ability of corporate debtors to restructure and reschedule outstanding loans with banks was significantly enhanced by a number of major agreements in several GCC countries.

GCC member states reserves of GCC member states are estimated at \$185 billion at the end of 1988 with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia together accounting for three quarters of this amount.

Nevertheless, it was in both these countries that the largest public borrowing schemes were in evidence during 1988.

The concept of public borrowing is not new in the GCC, as development bonds have been occasionally issued in Bahrain and Oman from the mid-1970s onwards. The first GCC country to formally introduce regular treasury bill issues was

Bahrain, with an initially small scale scheme starting in December 1986. Bahrain's debt ceiling now stands at the equivalent of \$795 million.

Kuwait's public borrowing formally began in November 1987, and its debt ceiling is KD 1.4 billion (\$4,750 million) while Saudi Arabia's public borrowing scheme began in June 1988, with a borrowing target of \$8 billion.

In the case of Kuwait, the borrowing by the government has taken the form of both treasury bonds and bills, and the effect of the scheme has been to add considerable depth to the maturity distribution of its capital and money markets.

In addition, it has provided the monetary authorities with a more sophisticated tool for managing monetary policy. The debt issue in Saudi Arabia is restricted to development bonds with varying maturities of one to five years, whose yield is determined by the government with reference to the rate of return earned on public sector development projects.

## Former stockbroker convicted of shooting boss

BOSTON, April 18, (AP): A former Merrill Lynch and Co. stockbroker was convicted yesterday of first-degree murder for shooting his boss the day after being fired from the brokerage firm's Boston office.

Suffolk Superior Court Judge John Irwin immediately sentenced Lonnie Gilchrist, 42, to life in prison for shooting Merrill Lynch regional vice-president George Cook last year. An appeal in a first-degree murder case in Massachusetts is automatic.

On April 7, 1988, one day after he was fired, Gilchrist shot Cook three times with a .22-caliber pistol as the executive sat behind his desk.

As Cook crawled toward his door crying for help, witnesses said Gilchrist shot him twice more, beat and kicked him and yelled, "No billionaire is going to do this to me."

Before the morning shooting, Gilchrist reportedly completed a \$125,000 bond transaction, cancelled an appointment with his dentist and told co-workers he was going to teach Cook a lesson.

Defence Attorney Norman Zalkind argued that Gilchrist's troubled childhood with an abusive and alcoholic father left him feeling persecuted later in life and blaming prejudice for his failures.

But the jury rejected Zalkind's claims that Gilchrist was innocent by reason of insanity.

### Complaint

Gilchrist, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, had filed a complaint against Merrill Lynch with the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

But Zalkind said during the trial that Cook actually spent time trying to help Gilchrist succeed.

Suffolk county assistant district attorney Ronald Moynahan said Gilchrist's business-as-usual manner prior to the shooting showed he was in control of his actions at the time.

## Italian national line receives biggest ship

LLOYD Triestino, the Italian national line, received its biggest ship the Nuova Lloydiana on March 30, in Trieste.

The vessel, a top technology container ship, has been built by Fincantieri in Monfalcone shipyards.

Its 35,000 dwt allows a capacity of over 2,000 containers, 750 of which are refrigerated. The Nuova Lloydiana will be the flagship of Lloyd Triestino fleet and an Iri-Finmare group company as well as of the Italian container ship fleet.

The taking in service of the new vessel marks a turning point in the development programme of Finmare fleet.

The ship which will replace the Lloydiana in the Australia/New Zealand service (Anzacs consortium), with a 50 transportation capacity increase, represents an important step in the renewal schedule by a wider strategic plan decided by the company.

The renewal plan is as follows: Commercial reorganisation paying a particular attention to marketing in strategic commercial areas, reorganisation of liner services, international partnership concluded with major world-wide companies, simplification of the internal structures and whole renewal and development of fleet for which a total investment of over \$450 million in five years is forecast.

## Iran hikes subsidies to combat inflation

NICOSIA, Cyprus, April 18, (AP): The Iranian government, in a move to maintain price controls and curb inflation, says it has increased subsidies on essential items to 180 billion rials (\$2.5 billion), 38 per cent more than last year.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Mohammad Rowhani, head of the Consumer Protection Association, as saying on Sunday that the subsidised items include wheat, sugar, vegetable oil, pasteurised milk and chemical fertilizers.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Rowhani as saying the subsidies will be paid to producers to maintain the balance between the cost of imported and Iranian-grown food items.

The increased subsidies were backdated to the start of the Persian New Year on March 21.

The move was estimated as aimed at combating Iran's soaring inflation, estimated at an annual rate of 40-50 per cent, and the widespread hoarding of basic food items.

## Port strike squeezes trade

NEW DELHI, April 18, (Reuters): Navy engineers backed by soldiers tried to keep essential supplies moving into India today despite a crippling dockworkers strike, but officials said no cargo was leaving the country.

The dockworkers, who began their strike yesterday and said they would continue until their pay demands were met, have brought India's international trade to a virtual halt.

The military moved in to unload essential supplies at Bombay, the country's biggest port, but the

Bid to maintain price controls

## Iran hikes subsidies to combat inflation

It followed the announcement last month of a tough new law to control hoarding and overcharging, giving courts new powers to deal harshly with offenders.

The new legislation was enacted after a vociferous campaign by Iranian newspapers demanding strong action to fight corruption.

**Prices**  
The controversy over rising prices, hoarding and shortages is part of a running policy battle within the Iranian leadership over the degree of government control over the economy.

Prime Minister Hussein Musavi, a hardliner, advocates increased state control of a centralised economy. But conservatives such as President Ali Khamenei, who is backed by the powerful merchant class, calls for a more laissez faire system.

Tehran's Resalat daily, which speaks for the conservatives, argued recently that runaway inflation was the result of too much state control.

"Overcharging, hoarding and the black market ... are leeches growing in the unhealthy econ-

omic swamp created by the centralised state system," the paper said in an editorial.

Public discontent was effectively suppressed during the 8-year Iran-Iraq war, when inflation and other economic hardships were blamed on the conflict.

Continuing shortages and a booming black market even after the Aug 20 ceasefire have fuelled mounting demands for government action to control prices and alleviate the shortages.

Tehran Radio, also monitored in Nicosia, also announced that the government will provide 11 billion rials (about \$160 million) in interest-free loans to rural co-operatives to increase agricultural productivity.

Agriculture Minister Issa Kalantari announced on Sunday that wheat production will be increased by four million tons, to make Iran self-sufficient in five years.

The government's failure to boost food production in the 10 years of the Islamic revolution is one of its biggest economic problems.

Little violence seen

strike so far has produced little violence.

Brief violence was reported at Calcutta as strikers tried to prevent shore workers, who move cargo on the docks after it is brought in from ships in the harbour, from reporting for work, government officials said.

No injuries were reported. The officials said 90 per cent of the shore workers had tried to report for duty.

At the other nine major Indian ports affected by the strike, there was no trouble, they said.

The 10 ports move 95 per cent of India's international trade. In the 1988/89 financial year which ended in March, they handled 146 million tonnes of cargo. Oil and petroleum products accounted for nearly 60 million tonnes of that.

Despite public words of willingness to negotiate, both sides appeared to be digging in for a long strike.

Five years ago, the strikers were out for 26 days before settling. This time the two sides are still far apart.

## Jordan starts taking IMF medicine

AMMAN, April 18, (Reuters): Debt-burdened Jordan has imposed sweeping price increases in line with IMF-agreed plans to reduce its worsening budget and balance of payments deficits.

"Now they are biting the bullet," a Jordanian banker said of the rises. "As a start it's okay, but we must wait and see if the government sticks to its targets. I'm still worried about the budget deficit at the end of the year."

The rises, effective from Sunday, will erode the comfortable living standards enjoyed by many in Jordan, long reliant on an easy flow of Arab aid, remittances and foreign loans.

The government is cushioning the blow to the poor by keeping subsidies on bread, rice, milk and other food staples, while trying to re-orient the economy towards production and exports.

The rises of 15 to 50 per cent on goods and services

ranging from cigarettes, detergents, beverages and fuel to car licences, telephones and irrigation water, follow the end of three weeks of talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Jordan agreed on Thursday to a letter of intent calling for a five-year programme of budget cuts and revenue increases aimed at bringing the budget into near-balance in five years.

Finance Minister Hanna Odeh said the government would maintain food subsidies, expected to cost \$120 million this year, and leave unchanged the value of the dinar, fixed since early February at 540 fils to the dollar.

According to Jordanian economist Fahed Al Fanek, the promises can be kept only if the government meets the IMF target of reducing its budget deficit from 22 per cent of gross domestic product to two or three per cent in five years.

## Government urged to map market strategy

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direct and indirect purchasing of shares, differed losses, splitting of shares, company purchasing their own shares at market prices, and others."

The ceasefire decision in the Iraq-Iran war did help push the market, however this should be followed by an actual increase in performance of the companies which is reflected in its dividend distributions in order to keep share prices high.

The report added: "Policy makers should change their views concerning share prices, and should reject any ideas that relate the need of having high share prices with the overall positive economic performance as this is the complete opposite. We believe that what is impor-

tant is to ensure fair prices, which would be achieved automatically if the market forces work freely with no external interferences.

The Kuwaiti government should plan an economic course of action based on thorough study and understanding of a study which it has and which took three years of research, in order to avoid falling into more problems by wasting more time in using trial and error methods. Share prices were not given priority in this study nor many other issues that are given priority at present, the report said.

**Projects**  
The Kuwait Stock Exchange authority is debating two new projects. First, allowing the establishment of investment

funds and the trading of their units which will add some proficiency to the market and provide new investment channels.

Second, allowing the listing of small successful companies in the parallel market in order to grow within it and be able to be listed in the official market.

This will allow the establishment of serious private companies that would open new investment opportunities and new professional employment.

The stock exchange is facing two major problems. One, is ensuring the continuity of most weak companies which reduces the confidence in the stock exchange and makes the market-makers role and market liquidity impossible tasks.

## Sweeping monetary changes needed

Move to forge common currency

LUXEMBOURG, April 18, (AP): A report prepared for the 12-nation European Economic Community urges European nations to make sweeping changes in their economic and monetary policies to forge a common currency and central bank.

Britain immediately expressed opposition to the unity push proposed in the report released Monday.

"The economic and monetary union which is spelled out there would in effect require political union — a United States of Europe," said Nigel Lawson, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"That's simply not on the agenda now nor for the foreseeable future," he told reporters.

The report, released in Luxembourg, urged the nations of the Common Market trading bloc to begin the move toward economic and monetary union no later than July 1, 1990.

Such a drive, it said, "represents a quantum jump which could secure a significant increase in economic welfare in the community."

The report by a 17-member committee, including European central bankers, will be discussed in June at a summit of the leaders of the nations making up the Common Market. Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission, the community's executive body, was chairman of the panel.

### Changes

The recommendations in the report would require major changes in the way in which the 12 nations conduct economic and monetary policy.

Lawson complained the proposals would force countries to give up some sovereignty to new institutions.

"We cannot accept the transfer of sovereignty implied by the Delors report," he said.

He also said, "the eventual destination (mapped out in the report) represents a concept of the European community which we do not share."

The moves would add a new dimension to the European

Economic Community's plans to fashion a single market by the end of 1992. By that date, the nations hope to remove the many trade barriers that separate them.

The report said the fashioning of economic union would give the common market more leverage in international negotiations and strengthen its hand in influencing relations between richer and poorer countries.

It said the creation of such a united front must be "viewed as a single process."

"The decision to enter upon the first stage would be a decision to embark on the entire process," it said.

No timetable was offered. Delors told reporters it was "not a matter of timidity ... it's a question of wisdom."

But he said governments would have to make by the end of this year the initial decisions to go along with the drive.

The key changes suggested in the report focus on monetary policy. "A monetary union would require a single monetary policy and responsibility for the formulation of this policy would consequently have to be vested in one decision-making body," the report said.

It said the new institution — the European System of Central Banks — would be charged with making and implementing monetary policy as well as managing exchange rate policy.

It would be given the goal of pursuing a policy of stable prices. The report recommended creation of a single currency. Each nation would have to abandon its current currency.

The Common Market now has a monetary unit, called the European currency unit. Its use is limited, and its value is based on a basket of the currencies of the member nations.

The report said, "a single currency would clearly demonstrate the irreversibility of the move to monetary union."

A single currency, it said, would have a greater weight in comparison with other world currencies than any individual European currency.

## Minister opposes foreign loans

NICOSIA, April 18, (Reuters): An Iranian minister in charge of post-war reconstruction projects has said foreign borrowing would hurt the country's independence, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported today.

"We believe foreign loans would in the long run make the country dependent with adverse effects on the aspirations of the Islamic revolution," it quoted Deputy Prime Minister Hamid Mirzadeh as saying in an interview published in the daily Kayhan.

"Foreign loans will adversely affect our commitment to independence... reconstruction work is another aspect of our sacred defence in which task, I think, we should be as firm as we were in the battle fronts."

Iran has little foreign debt and most Iranian officials have rejected borrowing abroad as a means to finance reconstruction of the country's infrastructure damaged in the eight-year-long Gulf war against Iraq. Reconstruction is estimated at several hundred billions of dollars.



Rodolphe Frantz president director general of Meridien

## Meridien profits surge

MERIDIEN has reported an upturn in results for 1988. Societe des Hotels Meridien (the holding company that spans both corporate holdings and management operations) registered a clear rise in net profit. Since these results include a significant number of non-recurring items, the strength of the Meridien group's recovery is reflected more clearly in 1989 projections. The forecast of FF 47 million in net profit for 1989 is made exclusively of current income.

Meridien's recovery reflects the combination of rigorous reorganization of its hotel investment share holdings, particularly in the United States, along with a return to the black for its hotel management operations. The latter accounted for FF 32 million of 1988 net profit.

**Operations**  
Meridien sold its shares in the San Francisco hotel in 1988 and its Newport Beach and New Orleans ones in early 1989. These operations had a dual impact on financial performance:

— for 1988, they enabled reserves to be reconstituted, thus generating income from extraordinary items.

— as of 1989, North American holdings will no longer have an impact on results, and the Meridien group will therefore show a strong upturn in current income.

Meridien continues to manage the three USA units it sold off. This reorganization also consolidates Meridien's core business of hotel management in the US.

Meridien's sale of its Tours hotel (property in France) also resulted in a noticeable capital

gain. Meridien did not retain management of this property, which no longer corresponds to the chain's high-end strategy.

Meridien's management of its assets will continue to reflect considerable pragmatism, with acquisition of new properties and sale of hotels which the company will continue to manage.

### Development

The past year was also extremely positive for the chain in terms of development: Meridien opened in Delhi, San Diego, Antalya, Vancouver-La Grande Residence, Lagos and Nassau, in the Bahamas. Contracts for the latter three were signed in 1988, as well as for the future Meridien hotels in Beijing (opening in 1990), Limassol-Cyprus (1989), the "Cocoteraie" suites in Guadeloupe (1990) and Parati, Brazil (1991). A number of other negotiations are also in advanced stages.

Development will centre on three key regions: North America, Asia-Pacific and Europe, and will continue to concentrate on top business and resort properties.

Finally, 1988 marked yet another year when the exceptional quality offered by the men and women who make up Meridien earned the chain a number of honours.

In the ranking of the top 100 US hotels by the magazine lodging Hospitality, Meridien ranks 9th (New York), 10th (Boston) and 47th (San Francisco). What's more, a survey by Institutional Investor magazine of its US banking and financial community readers showed that Meridien is considered the number two hotel chain in terms of service quality.

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# EVENTS

## VIDEO CORNER

### Bridesmaids: is there something wrong with the bride?

By Gail Seery  
Arab Times staff

**BRIDESMAIDS** is full of self-conscious one-liners and poorly disguised social comment. It is also an excuse to play more serious music. Of course, unlike so many recent films it is severely handicapped by having only one writer, Bett Eyre. They ought to have some sort of pool where they can average out the writers between them; for example, if we put the writers of *Bridesmaids*, *Twins* and *My Stepmother is an Alien* together there would still be enough for three writers apiece.

**Succeeded**

*Bridesmaids* probably started out as quite an ambitious project, but only succeeded to a very limited extent. This is a film about women, by women, directed by women. Women

did the design, and the administration. Interestingly though, the camera and sound technicians are men. It's a good attempt to make a commercial film without more than one male actor. However, stand it alongside *Crimes of the Heart*, and it looks cheap. It matches *Feds* in commitment, but not really in content.

And I'm afraid that, once again, the story and plot are implausible and weak. Four women, who haven't seen one another for years, descend on their hometown of Logansport from Chicago, New York, Mulberry, Minnesota and Longwood, Florida. Their friend Susan is getting married, and they are to be bridesmaids.

This is only a device for getting four women, or more

truthfully, four stereotypes with different experiences of the world of marriage and children, together. We never see Susan, but by half-way through the film, we're beginning to ask some questions, like, does the bride-to-be have a disturbing personality, or unpleasant physical defects? I mean, how come in the 15-20 years which have supposedly passed between the girls being at High School together, and Susan's wedding, she hasn't managed to find anyone else to be her bridesmaid? How come she has to resort to people she has only seen at their own weddings?

**Convertible**

Carol Fox, one of the bridesmaids, is a household name, the head of a huge corporation, whose main claim to fame

seems to be that she can drive a convertible without getting her hair ruffled. She isn't married, but is tempted to have a baby now, before it's too late. Kimberly is a politician, who is longing to have a child — only her husband doesn't want one, and Beth and Pat are housewives and mothers, Beth happily so. Pat has already had one divorce, and is putting off her second because it will upset her parents.

Taken lightheartedly the story doesn't say very much. It's not particularly exciting. As regards the "message", it makes many faltering steps towards honesty about women and their expectations of marriage, of motherhood, but at the end seems wary of making any new judgement. The moral seems to be that every

woman should have a baby, and that husbands are generally vastly over-rated. Life is not so simple.

The cast try hard to make it work. There is some good acting from the principals, played by Shelley Hack, Sela Ward, Stephanie Faracy and Brook Adams, but it isn't enough to make the film worthwhile.

**Disguise**

The film is full of niggling little inconsistencies, which the director seems aware of and tries manfully to disguise. Sorry, tries womanfully to disguise. This is on the level of daytime viewing soap operas, and may be worth seeing, but it's a shame when a film which is so obviously setting out to make some sort of comment lacks the final courage to say anything new.

### An 'honest' criminal, a 'dishonest' cop

By Shaun Seekins

IT would save a lot of trouble to just dismiss *Tequila Sunrise* as simply a romantic triangle about a woman in love with both a cop and a dope-dealer, but this would underestimate this complex and well-crafted film. Mel Gibson and Kurt Russell star as, respectively, Dale McKussic and Nick Frescia, two high school friends who chose different paths after graduating. McKussic built himself into an infamous drug dealer whilst Frescia ended up as a cop in charge of the narcotics squad.

The audience can't help but feel sympathy for McKussic who has decided to go straight, but not even his hard working involvement in a new legitimate business can persuade friends, cops and other dealers that he is really serious.

The federal narcotics people led by Maguire (JT Walsh), are convinced that Mac is to be the go-between in a huge drug deal masterminded by a Mexican baron, the mysterious Carlos (Raul Julia). Maguire forces Frescia to set up his friend Mac to try to catch Carlos.

The story gets more complicated when the two heroes fall for the same beautiful girl, the pretty innocent Michelle Pfeiffer, who helps run the flashy neighbourhood Italian restaurant. One man ends up genuinely loving her, the other finds himself torn between jealousy, loyalty and business.

At the heart of *Tequila Sunrise* is a criminal who is essentially honest, a cop who is not, and a woman who provides no clues as to which way she leans. It sets up a romantic triangle which, at any time, finds two of the points seeming to betray the



Mel Gibson and Kurt Russell in *Tequila Sunrise*.

third. But it is a betrayal, or is writer-director Robert Towne enjoying himself by playing tricks on his audience? One has to pay close attention to find out because it is a real Chinese puzzle of a script.

Drawing on Robert Cormier's novel as its source, *Tequila Sunrise* does something very unusual. It takes the basic premise that has been used many times in us-against-them high school comedies, and instead turns it into a serious atmospheric drama.

The story is placed in a Catholic high school, where middle class boys are subjected to the tyranny of both the power-mad Brother Leon (John Glover), and the cruel, Nazi-like frater-

nity known as the Vigils. Brother Leon has got it into his head that this year's chocolate sale will be the biggest ever, and he insists that each boy sell twice the amount he sold the year before, despite the fact that price of each box has doubled. And in order to ensure co-operation, Leon forms an unholy alliance with Archie (Wally Ward), the evil taskmaster of the Vigils, who will force the co-operation of everyone.

But Jerry (Ian Mitchell-Smith), an introspective student who is still very vulnerable following the death of his mother refuses to participate. For no very clear reason Jerry is determined to stand apart from the others, and he willingly withstands the

wrath of Brother Leon and the brutal physical and emotional retribution of the Vigils.

Writer-director Keith Gordon, best known as the young male lead in "Back to School" has taken a purported \$700,000 budget and made a film that looks better than most major studio films. At first glance it is just a high school film, but by playing the conflicts straight and casting the movie with brilliant young actors, the perils and fortunes of peer pressure are made surprisingly scary.

*Dirtwater Dynasty* is a new Australian best-seller recounting a dying millionaire's desperate search to find his lost heirs before it is too late.

### One-act play competition at the IAC

INDIAN Arts Circle (IAC) is organising a one-act play competition during the forthcoming Eid holidays. The competition will be held at the IAC auditorium from May 4 to 7.

There has been a good response from the various Indian organisations, groups and even individuals for the competition.

In all 12 groups are participating — Malayalam five, Hindi two, Tamil one, Bengali one, Kannada one, Marathi one, and Gujarati one.

**Awards**

Awards will be given for best play, best actor, best stage setting, best director and best performer in each play in addition to second and third runners up. A rolling trophy would be set up by the IAC and will be awarded to the best play team.

The competition is intended to continue every year and the rolling trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

The awards will be presented at a grand Awards Night show.

**Schedule**

The following schedule has been drawn up for staging the plays, starting at 6.00 pm on each day.

4-5-89: Thursday, 3 Malayalam plays; 5-5-89: Friday, 2 Malayalam plays; 6-5-89: Saturday, Tamil, Bengali and Gujarati (one play each); 7-5-89: Sunday, 2 Hindi and 1 Marathi play.

Names of the plays: Malayalam: Thazhavarayude Tungal, Jwalamukhikal, Sri-shi, Ooshara Bhoomi, Phonix. Hindi: Nazuk Sawari and Parda Uthne Se Pahle.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

- 11.00 Holy Quran
- 11.30 Religious programme
- 12.15 Cartoons
- 12.30 Variety Show
- 1.00 News in Brief
- 1.05 The World via Satellite
- 1.35 Cartoons serial
- 2.00 Historical serial
- 3.30 Arabic serial: Dacrat Al Nar
- 4.30 Ramadan competition
- 5.00 Arabic serial: Al Rahaya
- 6.30 Cartoon Serial
- 7.15 Children Serial: Al Tamaieen
- 8.00 Weekly Programme. Maa' Al Talaba
- 9.00 You and Your Health
- 9.30 Ramadan competition
- 10.00 News in Arabic
- 10.50 Local Serial: Aad Walekin
- 11.45 Entertainment programme
- 12.00 Arabic Serial: Al Thalathia
- 1.00 Variety Show
- 2.15 News in Brief
- 2.20 World via Satellite
- 2.50 Closedown



Bill Cosby show at 10.30 pm today on KTV 2.

### KTV 2

- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 Islamic Horizon
- 8.20 Cartoons
- 8.30 Danger Bay: "Castaways." A carefree trip to deliver a friend's sailboat becomes a survival test for Grant and Nicole.
- 9.00 News in English
- 9.40 Forty Hadis Qudsi
- 9.45 Sonny: "Hazard of Odds." Sonny finds out his friend gives fake jewels to his boss.
- 10.30 Bill Cosby Show: Dr Huxtable is on a diet, and everyone watches his every move. Can he overcome the craving for good food? Starring: Bill Cosby, Phylicia Ayers-Rashad
- 11.00 Just for the Record: People go to any lengths to set a record. A look at some of the daring persons who overcame odds to

become the first to cross a barrier.

12.10 Wednesday feature film: "Deadline: Madrid." Starring: Brian Thayer, Lee Lawson. A female journalist is assigned to cover the story of weapon smuggling to a country in Africa.

1.00 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

All entries for the What's On column must be handed over personally to Events Section, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

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### PRAYERS

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| Fajr    | 3.54 am |
| Zuhr    | 11.47   |
| Asr     | 3.22 pm |
| Maghreb | 6.17    |
| Isha    | 7.37    |

### RAMADAN TIMINGS

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| Imsak | 3.44 am |
| Iftar | 6.17 pm |

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**

OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

**Arabian Gulf St.**

**Tareq Rajab Museum**

RAMADAN timings Sat - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7-10 pm. Collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world on show.

**African Exhibition**

AFRICAN textiles and crafts at the Sultan Gallery opened tonight by Mrs Amina Saleh, wife of Nigerian ambassador to Kuwait. The exhibition will be shown for two weeks from 9 am to 11 pm.

**Saudi House**

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon; 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**One-Act play**

MAY 4-7: IAC is organising a one-act play competition at the IAC auditorium daily at 6.00 pm sharp from May 4 to 7. 12 plays will be staged in seven languages. For further details and entry passes contact Tel. Nos. 3904817, 3910165, 3903879, 2644863, 3622599.

### SOCIAL

**Kuwait Little Theatre**

April 20: KLT, Ahmadi, will present entertainment to celebrate the St Georges Day at Unity Centre, Ahmadi, in the presence of the British ambassador. Tickets KD2 including buffet. Tel: 3983724, 3985964, 3919759.

### Bayanban

APRIL 21: A get-together for KAPILKU members will be held at the Church Hall from 2.30 to 6.30 pm. All Filipinos are welcome. Free admission.

### British Council

APRIL 22-23: "To the Lighthouse" the feature film will be shown on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23 at the British Council Library.

### Summer Affair '89

MAY 6: The Weekend Club will hold the Summer Affair 89 at Regency Palace Hotel on the first day of Eid. Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers in attendance. Highlights: Five contest, gala buffet and selection of Summer Queen contest. Tel: Hilary Barretto 5741380 (2-7.30 pm); Julie 5734513 (5 pm onwards); and Mercedes 4890566 (from 3 pm).

### Annual Get-together

MAY 8: Kuwait chapter of International Pakistani professionals and businessmen will hold their annual get-together at the SAS Hotel Grand Ballroom at 7.00 pm. For further details ring 2425315.

### Remo's Show

MAY 11: The Expatriates Club will hold a dinner-musical at the SAS Hotel. Remo, India's pop-star will be the star performer and Expatriate Queen will be crowned. City Limits and Perfect Strangers in attendance.

### May Queen

MAY 11: Kuwait Goans will crown the May Queen at Messilah Beach Hotel. Top Ranks and Next of Kin in attendance. Highlights of the evening will be Alexandre Rosozio's performance. For details call 2413348; 4881387.

### Casuals Cricket Club

MAY 18: 8 pm, Messilah Beach Hotel: Annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Live music. For tickets and information call Simon Clements — 5333248; or Val Tudball — 5327159.

### Kuwait Caledonians

MAY 18: Messilah Beach Hotel. The Caledonians will hold a "celebrity" (gathering) with entertainment by John Carmichael and others. Tel: 5355082; 3727690 ext. 253.

### Arabian Nights

MAY 19: "Arabian Nights" evening at the Jawhara Night-club, Messilah Beach Hotel. Dress: Middle Eastern of past or present. 20 costume prizes. Tickets KD6. For reservations call: 4847461, 2418017, 4846843 ext 4515 or leave message on 2614201.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

### BBC World Services

- 0000 Newslast
- 30 Omnibus
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Help Yourself
- 45 Country Style
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Tech Talk
- 30 Music
- 0300 World News
- 09 News About Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Discovery
- 0400 Newslast
- 30 Business Matters
- 45 Country Style
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Financial News
- 40 Words of Faith
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newslast
- 30 Meridian
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Development '89
- 0800 World News
- 09 Words of Faith
- 15 Business Matters
- 30 Screenplay
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Help Yourself
- 1000 News Summary followed by Omnibus
- 30 Jazz for the Asking
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Country Style
- 30 Meridian
- 1200 Newslast
- 15 They Made Our World
- 25 The Farming World
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Development '89
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
- 45 Business Matters
- 1500 Newslast
- 15 The Learning World
- 30 After Heavy
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain

- 15 Ackers Away (ex 5th The Bob's Lost Beatles Tapes)
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Society Today
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newslast
- 30 Meridian 2
- 1900 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Network UK
- 45 Help Yourself
- 2000 World News
- 09 The World Today
- 25 Words of Faith
- 30 Assignment
- 2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup (ex 26th Sportsworld)
- 15 Ackers Away (ex 5th The Bob's Lost Beatles Tapes; 26th Sportsworld count)
- 45 Recording of the Week

### English

- 0800 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0830 News in English
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900 Cultural Horizon
- 0930 Reggae Rock
- 1000 Our Press Today
- 1005 Song and Music
- 1030 The Years of Top
- 1100 Closedown
- 2100 Opening
- 2102 Kuwait
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2155 Songs and Music
- 2200 Kuwait in a Week
- 2215 Rock On
- 2245 Daily Programme
- 2300 Strictly Romantic
- 2330 Amazing Fact
- 2400 Closedown

### Urdu

- 1900 Opening/Holy Quran
- 1910 Behuteren Qaul
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Subah-Nas
- 2000 News in Urdu
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Hidayate Rabban
- 2100 Closedown

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## OUTLOOK

By Kathy Coddily

## Camp fever

FOR many families, summer camp is a tradition: the parents used to attend when they were young, and now they send their children. But not all children greet the prospect of two or three weeks away from their parents with the same degree of enthusiasm. Nor can adults safely predict how their children will react to camp life, despite the pre-camp comments of the youngsters.

This point is highlighted by the two children of a friend who have just had their first summer camp experience. The 12-year-old daughter looked forward to her stay with eager anticipation, while the 10-year-old son thought the whole idea was for sissies and didn't want to have anything to do with it. A peek at some of their letters home revealed a few surprises.

Dear Mom and Dad, I think we've all made a big mistake. This is a GIRLS ONLY camp. How can I expect to develop my social aptitudes in this sort of atmosphere? What's wrong with girls, you ask? You should see the specimens that share my tent! Lucy is always crying because she misses her mother. Fat Joanne picks her nose when she thinks no one is looking, and Nancy's a real smart alek. She always has a bright

idea that nobody want to hear.

The tents are pretty primitive. They don't even have mini-bars. And there's no room service, either. The food is yucky. If we have any more baked beans, the whole camp will float away on a cloud of gas. I would give almost anything for a Big Mac right now.

We went canoeing yesterday, but we had to carry our canoes through the woods to the river. Manual labour is not my idea of a fun holiday.

This summer camp is a far cry from the ones I read about in my romance books. Do you think the authors made everything up, or have I hit on a dud camp?

Your daughter,

Dear Mom and Dad, You were right. Summer camp is definitely an experience. As a matter of fact, it's pretty cool. Five other boys and myself sleep in neat wood huts in the forest. Already we have the best creature collection in the whole camp. We were lucky, though, because a lot of the creatures already lived in our hut.

The other boys stayed here last summer, so they know all sorts of radical things, like how to lock the counselors into their huts, or where the extra supplies of marshmallows are

hidden.

It looks like this might be a great summer after all. I have to go now. The boys are calling me. They have just finished making a peep hole in the counselors' outhouse. What a life!

Your son,

Dear Mom and Dad, Well, it's finally stopped raining. I think I have a touch of pneumonia.

With all the bad weather, we spent a lot of time playing indoor games and doing craft work. I made some psychedelic table mats which the counselor thought were "original." I think that's adult talk that means she doesn't like them, but I know you won't disappoint me with rejection.

I've decided that I don't really like to "rough it." At least not in this way. My idea of "roughing it" is having to watch black and white TV. They don't have any TV here! What kind of place is this?

Your daughter,

Dear Mom and Dad, What a place this is! I'm learning all sorts of farout stuff from the other boys. Jack showed me how to use his switch blade, and Daniel has taught me how to pick locks. It's just like you said: this experience is adding a whole new dimension to my education.

We caused a bit of a stir last night when we put a couple of grass snakes in the counselors' outhouse. You should have heard the screams.

I have to go now. We're going to learn how to start a fire without using matches. You never know when that might come in handy. If you want to leave me here for an extra couple weeks, that's OK.

Your son,

Dear Mom and Dad, Whose idea was it to come here anyway? This place is the pits. I have sunburn blisters all over my back and there's hardly anywhere for the poison ivy to spread on my face, arms, and legs because the mosquitoes and black flies got there first. I'm a physical wreck who's quickly becoming a mental wreck as well. I'm going to need therapy after this vacation. I think you should give serious consideration to letting me leave here ahead of schedule — while I'm still able to leave. If I stay for the full session I may go home in a body bag. You wouldn't want that, would you?

Your daughter,

These letters have certainly brought back a few memories... enough so that I am seriously considering whether or not to continue the summer camp tradition with my own children....

## Are you a heroic fool?

By Stephanie Beattie

DO you know instinctively how to handle yourself in a sticky situation? Or do you cry 'Help' and curl up like a hedgehog whenever things start going wrong?

To find out whether you are one of the panicking masses, or the leader who bravely ushers them all to safety, try our heroic failures quiz.

1. Which of the following would you consider the most courageous?

- Leading people from burning building
- Giving up weekends to do voluntary work in hospital
- Giving a speech
- Disposing of a spider

2. You're at a friend's wedding and the best man is totally drunk and incapable of giving his speech. Do you:

- Drag him off and try to sober him up?
- Heckle during his speech?
- Find a last minute stand-in?
- Take the floor yourself?

3. You're visiting a friend and their new dog meets you at the gate, sounding none too friendly. Do you:

- call 'Hello' in a loud voice, hoping they'll come to save you?
- walk in determinedly?
- try to make friends with it?
- go away and come back later?

4. You are alone in the house when you hear a noise downstairs. Do you:

- investigate, armed with a heavy object?
- inch your way quietly out of the house?
- cover your head with a blanket and hope it's a cat?
- carry on an imaginary loud conversation with a friend?

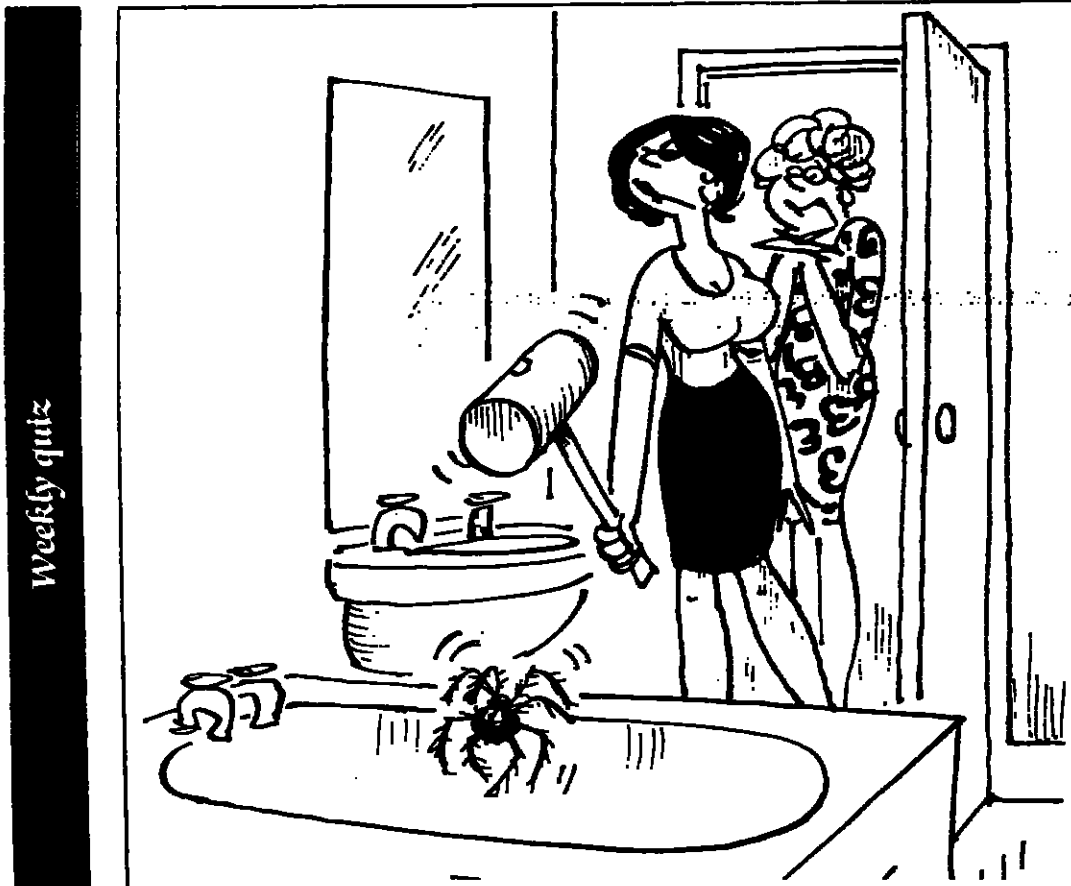
5. Which of the following colours do you prefer?

- Red
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green

6. Which of the following would most like to be?

- Princess Leia in Star Wars.
- Marie Curie.
- Joan of Arc.
- Yourself.

Weekly quiz



For the Men:

- Superman
- Woody Allen
- Clint Eastwood
- James Rockford

7. On your way to work you witness a road accident. Do you:

- call an ambulance?
- try to keep people back?
- administer first aid?
- move on as though you're not needed?

8. You see a child crying in the street. Do you:

- walk past, keeping an eye out for a possible parent?
- find the nearest police-man?
- ask him/her what's wrong?
- hover for a few minutes to see what happens?

9. Your neighbour keeps you awake at night with his stereo. Do you:

- outblast him?
- complain to him?
- invite him for a drink and talk about people who play loud music?
- call the police?

10. Your companions are scathing about people who read "horrid trash" — your staple diet. Do you:

- agree, matching insult for insult?
- announce that you love reading it?
- keep quiet about your personal tastes but defend people who like it?
- make a joke of the whole subject?

11. At a fancy dress party, would you wear:

- blue tight, red underpants, vest and flowing cap?
- chain mail and armour?
- black suit with dog collar?
- three fig leaves and nothing else?

12. Your hairdresser gives you a disastrous jail-house crop. Do you:

- buy a wig?
- change your image to suit the new you?
- tell everyone it's exactly what you wanted?
- go sick?

13. While giving a dinner party, a pan of hot oil goes on fire. Do you:

- smother it with a damp cloth?
- tell the guests, hoping one is a fireman?
- leave the kitchen, close the door and hope for the best?
- cover the pan with a lid?

14. You're invited to someone's house and, while nosing around, you break an antique ornament. Do you:

- leave quietly?
- say: 'Did you know there's some broken china on the floor?'
- grovel and offer to pay?
- apologise?

15. Your boss comes into the office with his trousers flies undone. Would you:

- tell him?
- get someone else to tell him?
- drop something or get him to look down and notice himself?
- laugh and point?

## What your score means

## SCORING

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If you scored 35-45: Brave Idiot. You'd be a handy person to have around in a crisis. You react well under pressure, thinking clearly and taking the initiative when others are panicking. You're not that brilliant when everyday things go wrong though — the worse the catastrophe, the stronger you become.

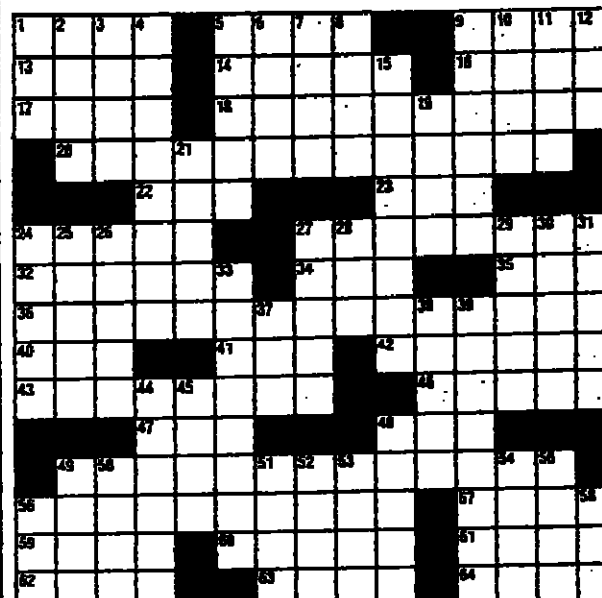
If you scored 23-34: Cautious Idiot. Survival and sense are your two watchwords — which isn't to say you're not brave; just that you think before you leap.

You'd make an excellent right-hand person when things get desperate. When others are taking the decisions and leading panicking masses from a flaming building, you'll be bringing up the rear, checking no one is left behind or closing doors as you leave, so the fire doesn't spread.

If you scored 11-22: Gusty Idiot. Perhaps the most heroic category of all — you're petrified when danger threatens but you are able to overcome that fear to do what is necessary. You'd be a good person to have around when things go wrong because, you can give strength to others who can't cope.

If you scored 0-10: Stupid Idiot. Let's hope you're never in real danger. This is the category where you'll probably be huddled in a corner blubbering or screaming in panic if things got desperate. Still, if there weren't people like you there wouldn't be any heroines or heroes. At least you were brave enough to tell the truth when answering the questions. And that takes guts!

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHAW

## WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
 ♠83 ♥AKJ105 ♦8 ♣AKJ52  
 Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

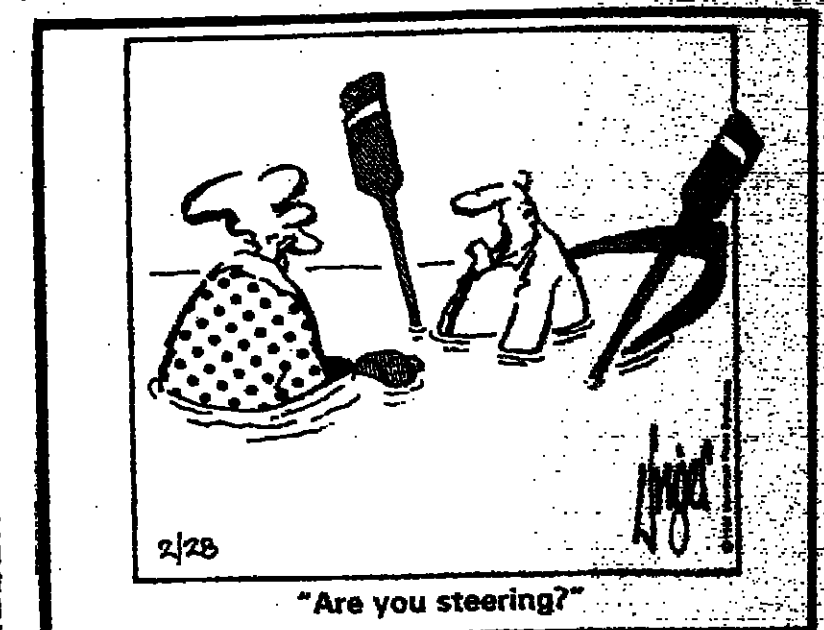
Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
 ♠Q76 ♥A9873 ♦8 ♣K762  
 The bidding has proceeded:  
 North East South West  
 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
 3 ♣ Pass ?  
 What do you bid now?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
 ♠A2 ♥K932 ♦AKK ♣KQ5  
 The bidding has proceeded:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
 ?  
 What do you bid now?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
 ♠K932 ♥AK2 ♦AKK ♣KQK  
 The bidding has proceeded:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
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 What do you bid now?

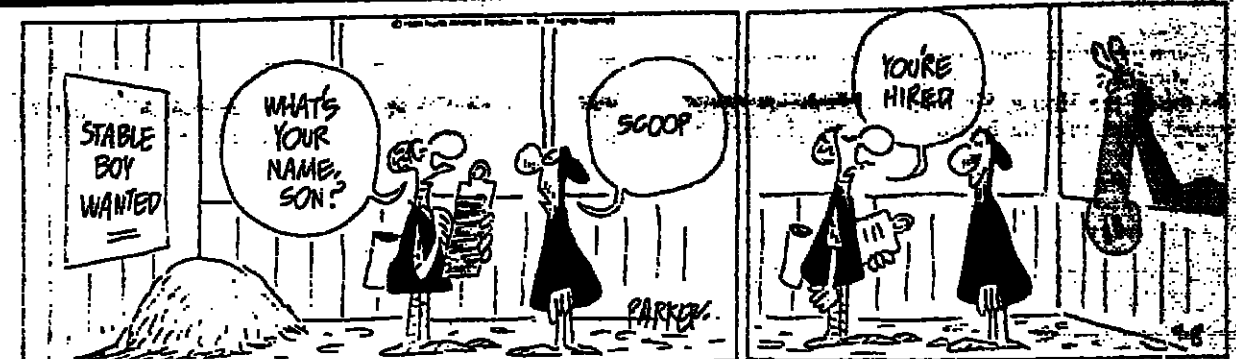
## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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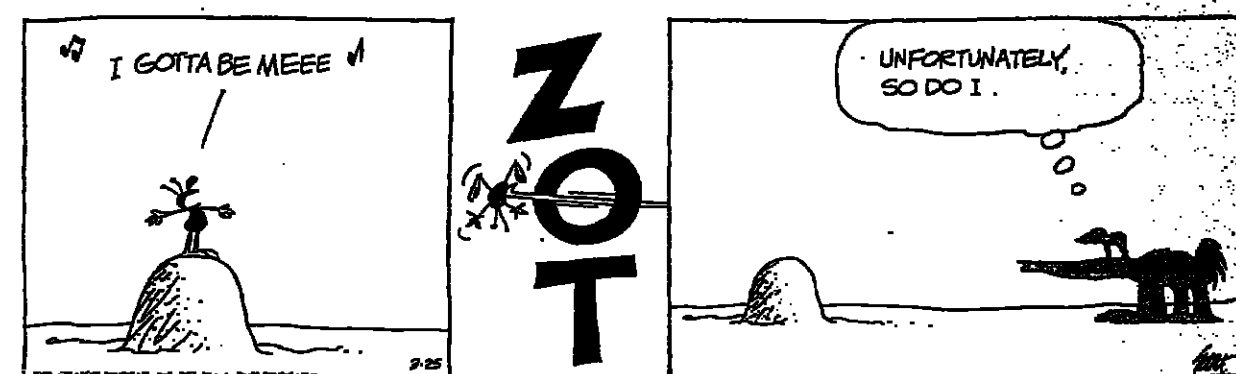
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

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| <b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b><br>You should not expect good luck to get you out of trouble. Something that has been puzzling you will be resolved. Try not to rely too much on others, more on yourself. Be reasonable.      | <b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b><br>Beware of confusing something that is less important with something that is most important. Do not allow anything to upset your inner peace of mind. Do not get angry if something goes wrong, just try again. Be fair.      | <b>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</b><br>Make sure you do not do anything that you are almost sure is a waste of time. Take better care of your health. Think less of yourself more of and about your partner. Be meticulous.   | <b>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)</b><br>You will discover how to deal with a problem that has been forcing you. Do not become a hostage to fortune. Instead try to determine where you are going and how to get there. Be more decisive.                                  |
| <b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b><br>You should not try to have everything your own way. Avoid being lazy but make sure you do not overexert yourself. Take good care of your personal appearance. Be cordial.                    | <b>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</b><br>Listen more carefully to what others are saying and do not ignore what you hear. Avoid becoming involved in something that is no concern of yours. Give no less than you take. Be resourceful.                                  | <b>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</b><br>If you want to avoid putting on weight avoid "snacks" between meals. You will have lots to do but do not become an absolute "work-slave". Instead work intensively and enjoy your brief hours of leisure. Make sure you get enough sleep and adequate exercise. | <b>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</b><br>You will find it hard to carry out a promise you have made, but keep it if you must. Do your best to avoid becoming involved in something that does not really concern you at all. Do not stand in other people's way. Be sincere. |
| <b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b><br>You should do your best to be a little more tidy. Make sure you do not fall behind with routine matters. Your lucky numbers are 37 and 17. Set a good example to your children. Be attentive. | <b>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</b><br>Try to ensure you do not offend anyone. Do not do anything merely in order to make a good impression, but do try to make such an impression by your good behaviour. Do not allow yourself to be distracted. Be more patient. | <b>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</b><br>You will be able to free yourself of some chore you dislike doing. Time flies so do not waste it. Try to ensure you do not leave any letters unanswered for too long. Be less of a spendthrift.   | <b>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</b><br>Do not expect a friend to do something for you that might cause him difficulties with his superior. Do not leave it to others to make up your mind for you. Avoid exaggerations and do not exceed safe limits. Be respectful.       |



Controversial play in defence of Rushdie

## Air of anxiety as Iranian Nights set to open

By Nigel Reynolds

IT IS NOT often that a London play causes a real live riot. The Royal Court Theatre, and doubtless the Metropolitan Police, are hoping that this week will be like any other in Sloane Square — a few glances, well-behaved shoppers on their way home, but not a crowd of fundamentalists baying for a couple more names to be added to Ayatollah Khomeini's death list.

The Royal Court, often praised and sometimes castigated for its adherence to the radical, has taken the decision to give nine platform performances (6 pm shows) to a hastily written one-hour drama by Tariq Ali and Howard Brenton that is a forthright post-Satanic Verses attack on intolerance.

Under conditions of great speed and some secrecy three actors are rehearsing for *Iranian Nights*, which will, via the medium of episodes from "The Arabian Nights" and a row between a semi-literate restaurant owner in Bradford and his highly educated son, unfold a critique of fundamentalism covering the fall of the Shah of Iran, the rise of the mullahs in Tehran and the whole Salman Rushdie affair.

There is an air of anxiety at the Royal Court and in the seven weeks since Ali, a Muslim by upbringing who became the darling of 60s revolutionary London, conceived his idea and asked Brenton, one of Britain's most radical playwrights, to help him, there have been hiccups brought on by nerves.

The title is Ali and Brenton's second choice. Their first, "A Mullah's Night Out", was sat upon as far too provocative by the Royal Court's council at a long and heart-searching meeting to discuss the play on March 20.



The writers: Tariq Ali and Howard Brenton

And two well-known Asian actors, Roshan Seth and Art Malik — who, Ali says, had originally agreed to be in the three-handed "Iranian Nights" — will not be in the line-up.

The theatre says the actors backed the project in principle but hadn't read the play and eventually found they had other commitments.

In the atmosphere of inflamed feelings following Khomeini's instruction that "The Satanic Verses" was blasphemous and that it was a good Muslim's duty to murder Rushdie, nobody knows how British Muslims will react to "Iranian Nights".

The Islamic Society for the Promotion of Religious Tolerance has said there will

be no objections as long as the play is not blasphemous and does not use obscenities to describe Islam. But the Society is a moderate force in Britain's Muslim community.

Both Ali and Matthew Evans, of publishers Faber and Faber, who chairs the Royal Court's governors' council, insisted yesterday that the play contains no blasphemy. Evans says that if, as most Muslims claimed at the time, their objection to "The Satanic Verses" was that it was blasphemous then "Iranian Nights" will not cause offence.

But if, as some have suspected, there were wider forces at work which sought to condemn anything critical of modern-day Islam, then there is no knowing what

the reaction to the play will be.

Evans and his council, who include playwrights David Hare, Caryl Churchill and Muslim-born Hanif Kureishi along with Robert Fox and Sonia, Lady Melchett, are, however, deeply aware that there are many newspapers as well as religious leaders — who are only too ready to make capital out of another row.

After the March 20 meeting all staff at the Royal Court were consulted about the play because of obvious worries about their security. The governors also decided that minimum advance publicity should be given.

Evans, Ali and Stafford-Clark all insist that it is right for any theatre to tackle a sensitive issue like fundamentalism. The play, they say, will educate about Islam but also explain that Khomeini is as representative of Islam as the Reverend Ian Paisley is of Christianity.

The Royal Court says that there is no parallel to be drawn between *Iranian Nights* which was cancelled in 1987 on the grounds that it would cause deep distress to Jews. Evans says there were a number of fundamental differences between the two cases, not least that there was scholarly opposition to "Perdition" on the simple ground that Allen's story — about the alleged collaboration of Zionists in the extermination of Hungarian Jewry during the last war — was historically wrong.

Another, technical but perhaps more crucial difference is that the theatre's governors were not consulted about "Perdition" until late in the day. Because of that furore the council insisted on being kept better informed. By March 20 Max Stafford-Clark had made sure that several governors had read Ali and Brenton's play. Their support was unanimous.

Get out there and improvise

## Jazz isn't dead: Brubeck

By Amy Duncan

NEW YORK: "Jazz isn't dead yet," two-fisted piano player Dave Brubeck said recently. "It's the underpinning of everything in this country. Whether it's a Broadway show, or fusion, or right on through classical music, if it's coming out of the US, it's not going to survive unless it's got some jazz influence."

Brubeck has been prominent on the jazz scene since the 1940s. His talent as a pianist is legendary. He was also a powerful force for renewed interest in jazz in the '50s and '60s. A Time cover story on the rebirth of jazz in 1954 focused on Brubeck. And he revolutionised the music in 1963 with the wild time signatures on his million-selling album "Time Out" from which emerged the jazz classic "Take Five" written in 5/4 time.

"Jazz stands for freedom," says Brubeck. "It's supposed to be the voice of freedom: Get out there and improvise, and take chances, and don't be a perfectionist — leave that to the classical musicians."

To some extent, though, Brubeck has joined the classical artists. He studied with French composer Darius Milhaud in 1946. And throughout his career he has been a soloist with symphony orchestras. His sacred choral music has been performed around the world.

Brubeck says he got interested in writing sacred music when he was in the Army in World War II.

"I started growing up in a hurry and taking a lot of the

philosophy I'd heard from church as a kid a lot more seriously — especially the Ten Commandments — and wondering how 'Thou shalt not kill' could be so absolutely ignored. It took me until I was in my 40s to write what I was thinking as a young soldier."

The work that came out of that thought was the oratorio "The Light in the Wilderness," based on the temptations and teachings of Jesus.

After he played at the Gorbachev-Reagan summit last spring in Moscow, Brubeck was impressed by the progress that has been made toward the Commandment "Thou shalt not kill."

"I had the feeling that we're closer... Here we are — trying to love our enemies, and look how much has moved in a right direction. Christ (Jesus), being the inspired man that he was, knew that this is the only answer."

Ambassador

Dave Brubeck is a true jazz ambassador. He has played for every President of the United States since John F. Kennedy, and has travelled around the globe, soaking up the music of other cultures. Long before "Graceland," Paul Simon's collaboration with South African musicians, Brubeck was influenced by the music of Africa. In fact, he says the inspiration for "Time Out" and its follow-up album, "Time Further Out," came from an early recording of African music.

"It was entitled 'The Dennis Roosevelt Expedition Into the

Belgian Congo,' recorded in 1946 — that's when they took the old acetate machines into the jungle."

Although Brubeck has often been overlooked as a jazz innovator, and some have criticised his piano style as heavy-handed, heard the late alto saxophonist Paul Desmond, along with drummer Joe Morello and bassist Eugene Wright, formed one of the most successful quartets in the history of jazz. In particular, Desmond's yearning lyricism proved the perfect foil for Brubeck's percussive approach.

"As the leader, you must fill in where your group needs strength," he said. "If Paul had been percussive and raucous, you'd have heard how lyrical I am. Paul would have played an endless ballad that started at the beginning of his life and went to the end. But I used to egg him on, and sometimes he'd get a little angry, but I knew the side of him that was also rhythmically wonderful."

That famous quartet came to an end in 1967. After a few years of a new quartet with baritone saxophonist Gerry Mulligan, Brubeck began to tour with his musical sons, drummer Daniel and keyboardist Darius, and trombonist/bassist Chris as "Two Generations of Brubeck."

Dave Brubeck's current lineup consists of Randy Jones on drums, Chris Brubeck on electric bass and trombone, and Bill Smith on clarinet.

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Britain's Royal Opera House braces for the 90s

## Winds of change in 'the garden'

By David Gillard

A BRISK new wind is blowing through the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, Britain's premier showplace for opera and ballet, and home to both the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet companies. And it is very much a wind of change.

Over the past two years there has been a shake-up in the artistic and administrative leadership of what is popularly known as "The Garden." First, the Dutch conductor, Bernard Haitink, took over as Music Director, and Paul Findlay became Opera Director. For the Royal Ballet the British dancer, Anthony Dowell, stepped in as the new Director and, at the top of the House, Sir John Sainsbury became Chairman of the Board.

But the last few months have seen an even greater influx of new blood — a new Production Director and new Dramaturg for the Royal Opera (John Cox and Patrick Carnegie) and, most important of all, a new General Director for the "old lady of Bow Street" — Channel 4 Television's founding Chief Executive, Jeremy Isaacs.

Isaacs, 56, comes to The Garden with a distinguished track record as a programme maker and executive for the BBC and ITV. He was formerly editor of the BBC TV current affairs programme "Panorama" and Director of Programmes for Thames TV, where he initiated the widely acclaimed 26-part series "The World at War." In 1981 he was the guiding force behind the launch of Channel 4, one of Britain's newest television channels.

He had often shown his flair for arts leadership but many wondered how he would adapt from the hurly-burly of television to the rather more rarefied realms of the day-to-day running of an international opera house, with its giant stars and giant egos. But, within six months, he had already brought a fresh, sometimes brash but always revitalising aura to the House. The "old lady of Bow Street" is picking up her skirts and fairly scampering towards the millennium.

"Certainly," Isaacs admits, "it is not the quiet life my friends reproached me for leaving broadcasting for."

Indeed, the new regime has got off to a forward-looking start, with the launch of what Isaacs calls his "Five Year Plan." He has pledged that the Royal Opera will rebuild "the core of its repertoire" and that the Royal Ballet will be given a greater share of the performances. Confidence and change are the watchwords, as the Royal Opera House moves towards 1993 — the crucial date when the House will close for three years for a £98 million redevelopment.

The most far-reaching of Isaacs' new broom plans concern the opera company. He explains: "From this season the Royal Opera sets out substantially to increase the number of new productions it offers each year; to improve the quality of its revivals; to vary its repertoire; and to bring into partnership the right conductors, directors, designers and international casts who will, we hope, raise the roof."

How, precisely, will the roof be raised? First, he says, with new productions: "They are the life blood of a thriving opera house. We shall present no less than six new productions, and often more, in each of the next five seasons. We intend to give British and some



A recent ballet performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London.

foreign opera the opportunity to perform here regularly.

The Welsh National Opera and the Hungarian State Opera and Ballet have already appeared, the latter in February, while the Komische Oper from East Berlin arrives at the end of July.

He adds: "We are also staging two of the finest productions mounted outside London in recent years — Nuria Espert's production of "Madama Butterfly," originally staged by Scottish Opera, and Sir Peter Hall's Glyndebourne production of Britten's "Albert Herring."

Nuria Espert, the great Spanish theatre director, has also been responsible for a new "Rigoletto," and will return for "Carmen." Which brings us to the "core of the repertoire." The Italian producer Piero Fagioni has already been appointed the company's Principal Guest Producer and will be responsible for a new series of Verdi operas.

Unfortunately, Isaacs plans to inaugurate

a new cycle of Wagner's "Ring," produced by the Soviet Yuri Lyubimov, founded after the first part, "Das Rheingold." Undeterred, he has commissioned the German producer, Gotz Friedrich, to forge a new "Ring".

There are also plans to produce operas rarely staged in London, such as Rossini's "William Tell" and Borodin's "Prince Igor." And, says Isaacs: "We shall continue to invite the greatest singers in the world while building up to its previous strength a family of House singers."

On the ballet front, he sees a no less starry future: "Sir Frederick Ashton died in August and a giant influence on the company was removed. But the Royal's founder, Dame Ninette de Valois, is happily still with us and the company's future is still in the making. Anthony Dowell will soon end his glorious dancing career and become, full time, the necessary critical spur and catalyst to new excellence. The talent is there; rigour is called for in energising it."

## Classics or modern — it's all dance to Twyla

By Mary Kerner

SAN FRANCISCO, (Reuter): To most people, classical ballet conjures up images of toe shoes and tutus, whereas modern dance means leotards and bare feet.

But the line of demarcation is blurring, and no one would be more pleased than choreographer Twyla Tharp to see it disappear altogether. "There shouldn't be a definition or a difference between ballet and modern — it's all just dance," Tharp said during a recent interview in San Francisco where her *Everlast* had its world premiere with the touring American Ballet Theatre (ABT).

*Everlast*, which paired ABT star Susan Jaffe with Kevin O'Day from Tharp's former company, is a narrative about a boxer in love with the "wrong" woman. It is set in 1919 to songs of Jerome Kern.

Tharp stunned the dance world last summer when she gave up the modern troupe she had directed since 1965 to become an artistic associate of the New York-based ABT, a bastion of classical ballet.

Dance aficionados wondered why Tharp, with four feature films to her credit *Hair*, *Ragtime*, *Madea*, and *White Nights* — would let go of her company and her autonomy to labour within the structure of an organisation like ABT.

But autonomy had a price. Running a dance company, she said, took too much time away from what she loves best: making dances.

"I want to make the best dances I can make, so I need to be in a situation where that can happen. When I feel the situation is restricting it and not allowing that to come to pass and it's being compromised, then I won't work," she said.

Tharp brought seven of her dancers with her to ABT, which has been run since 1984 by Mikhail Baryshnikov.

Tharp's association with the Soviet-born Baryshnikov dates back more than a decade. He danced her "Push Comes to Shove" with ABT in 1976, and she later choreographed several pieces with him in mind — "Sinatra suite," "The Little Ballet" and "Bach Partita." She received



American dancer and choreographer, Twyla Tharp.

an Emmy for a 1985 television special "Baryshnikov by Tharp," and they worked together on the film *White Nights*.

The association has been beneficial.

Tharp loves working with technically strong dancers, and Baryshnikov's career expanded with Tharp's new approach to movement, which encompasses ballet, modern, jazz and tap dance.

Her dancers are coaching ABT in "Tharp" style, which requires tremendous speed, rapid change of directions and often juxtaposes point shoes with sneakers.

## Tripping the light fantastic at 94

By Sandra Oshiro

HONOLULU, Hawaii, (Reuter): Arthur Murray, the man who taught America to dance, is still tripping the light fantastic at the age of 94.

Thought not as sprightly as he once was, the famous teacher of the tango, waltz and foxtrot who later became a successful financial adviser, still takes to the dance floor with his wife Kathryn, 82.

"One never forgets how to dance," said Murray, who celebrated his 94th birthday on April 4. "Age limits vitality, but moving rhythmically to music is still a joy."

Murray built up a chain of more than 500 dance studios across the United States. He sold

them in 1952 for five million dollars but continued to manage them until 1964. Two years later he moved to Hawaii where he lives in a comfortable Waikiki apartment with an ocean view.

According to his wife of almost 64 years, he goes swimming on most days and spends a fair amount of time napping. But he remains as sociable as ever.

"What I like about Arthur is he likes the company of women," Kathryn Murray said. "He understands women very well."

The couple met at a New Jersey radio station when Kathryn was 18. Murray asked for her telephone number but it was three weeks before he called.

While the studios were at the peak of their success in the 1950s and early 1960s, the couple

became stars of a television dance show. Arthur chose the talent that appeared on the show.

"I think that managing our television show for 11 years was a real highlight of my life," he said.

Shortly after moving to Hawaii Murray launched a second profitable career which seemed far removed from the world of the foxtrot — investment managing, beginning with the assets of friends and family.

He later concentrated on takeover candidates and energy stocks, gaining a reputation as a shrewd investor.

Between 1978 and 1980, a unit in his Hawaii Traders group tripled in value.

But keeping up with the financial news began to take too much time and study so a few years ago he switched his investments to

municipal tax-exempt bonds, which he said require less research.

"My only regret is I didn't enjoy a wealth of reading," he said. "I limited myself to financial reports, newspapers and news magazines. Now I have found great joy in what I could have had for so many years."

Dance, however, remains a passion.

"I am always interested in the way young people dance. Why, I even saw (the hit film) *Dirty Dancing* twice," said Murray.

He believes the dance forms he once taught will endure.

"The waltz will probably live forever. Can you picture a wedding without a waltz by the bride and groom? Dancing changes with popular music," he said.

ANDY CAPP

By Smith



## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## HEAD, THROAT AND NECK EXAMINATION A GOOD IDEA

QUESTION: I went to my doctor with an earache, and he couldn't find anything wrong even though I went through a battery of tests on my ears. My doctor has asked me to schedule a follow-up appointment so he can examine my head, neck and throat. Does this make sense to you? How could a possible problem in these areas cause an earache?

ANSWER: The head, neck and throat exams are very good thinking on your doctor's part. Otalgia, or earache, is often caused by disease in the head and neck region. Many of the nerves in the neck transmit sensory impulses to the ear canal. Loss of sensation in the ear can actually be a symptom of a lesion in one of the cranial nerves.

An earache in a person who smokes or drinks could be a symptom of cancer in the head or neck region. Squamous cell carcinoma often causes otalgia. This type of cancer is usually located in the tonsil, tongue base, larynx or hypopharynx.

Other causes of ear pain are diseases of the oral cavity or dental infection, especially involving molars. Disease of the temporal

bone of the skull) often causes otalgia, and tumors or infections of the nose, sinus region, parts of the tongue or floor of the mouth are rare causes of otalgia.

I'm not trying to frighten you, but as in so many cases, a simple symptom is only the first warning of more complicated situations. You should make that appointment for thorough examinations of the head and neck as soon as possible. As you can see, many of the diseases for which ear pain is a symptom need prompt attention. Whatever the cause, an early diagnosis is always key to successful treatment.

QUESTION: I've heard of colitis of the large intestine, but can the disease also occur only in the rectum?

ANSWER: Ulcerative colitis is an inflammatory disease of the inner lining of the large intestine or colon. Ulcerative proctitis and proctosigmoiditis, on the other hand, are similar inflammations of the rectum and the final curve of the colon leading to the rectum, and occur more frequently than colitis. The symptoms of these two diseases include

rectal bleeding and mucus in the stool.

Medical experts disagree on the nature of ulcerative proctitis and proctosigmoiditis. Some say the two are a mild, limited form of colitis. Others argue that they are a completely separate disease. However, it has been shown that if the disease hasn't spread to the rest of the colon after six months, then it probably never will. Furthermore, the prognosis for proctitis and proctosigmoiditis is better than the outlook for colitis. Patients with the more limited disease rarely need to be hospitalized or treated with system-wide corticosteroids. Therefore, it is most important to distinguish between the diseases.

In any case, ulcerative proctitis is generally a fairly mild disease. Since most of the colon is not affected, normal stools are usually formed. In fact, a patient with the disease may even be constipated. Treatment involves medication for the inflammation and hydrocortisone or corticosteroid foam enemas.

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# Soviet boxers set to enter professional ranks

NEW YORK, April 18, (Reuters): Soviet boxers, long a force in Olympic and amateur circles, are about to step into the professional ring for the first time, US and Soviet boxing officials announced yesterday.

"We are dealing with the new Soviet Union, and once and for all the Soviets are coming to the US," Lou Falcigno, president of Momentum Enterprises, said in announcing a 10-year agreement bet-

ween his boxing promotional firm and the Soviet Boxing Federation.

A breakdown of money was not disclosed by either side, but it was clear that the Soviet boxers would not receive the multi-million dollar fees commanded by US stars such as heavyweight Mike Tyson and middleweight Sugar Ray Leonard.

"I don't want to talk about the amount of money," said Vladimir Kokurin, deputy director of Sovintersport, the

government branch responsible for the commercialisation of Soviet sports.

**Prospects**

"The fighters will get a stable amount of money and extra money will be paid depending on their success," he added.

The first group of six Soviet boxers are expected to come to the United States by October and possibly make their debuts as soon as the end of the year, Falcigno said.

The first batch is expected to include

1988 Olympic bronze medal heavyweight Alexandre Mirochnitchenko.

Falcigno has already visited the Soviet Union to scout potential professional prospects and will do so over the next five months at major European and Soviet amateur championships.

"The only fighters that they will not offer to us will be the ones who might fight in the 1992 Olympic Games," Falcigno said.

# Jahangir equals Hunt's record

Devoy clinches 6th straight title



Jahangir, extends his reign

LONDON, April 18, (Reuters): Jahangir Khan unleashed a furious burst of stunning shots in the final game to win a record-equalling eighth British Open men's squash championship yesterday.

The Pakistani world champion outlasted Australian Rodney Martin 9-2, 3-9, 9-5, 0-9, 9-2 to match the achievement of Australian Geoff Hunt in 1981.

Sue Devoy of New Zealand claimed her sixth successive women's title and avenged a world championship defeat last month by Briton Martine Le Moignan.

Hunt, who gained his titles over a 13-year span from 1969 to 1981, was the last man to beat Jahangir in the British Open. That was in the 1981 final.

Since then Jahangir, whose name means "conqueror of the world," has been invincible in a tournament which because of its long tradition he rates more important than the world championship.

But there were times yesterday when it seemed as if his reign might end as Martin, who lost in four games in last year's final, threatened an upset.

Jahangir, unhappy with the refereeing in the fourth game, requested a change of officials, but his plea was rejected by the tournament director.

He left no doubts of his supremacy with a devastating

display in the deciding game, winning the first seven points without dropping service.

Jahangir changed his tactics from a defensive back-court game to all-out attack and Martin could do nothing to halt the blitz.

"I wasn't surprised at how he played the fifth game but I expected to play a lot better myself," Martin said. "I finally started playing better at 7-0 and even then I felt strong enough to come back."

"But you can't give Jahangir that much of a lead," he added.

Jahangir said: "This has been a really important year for me and this was the toughest win of them all. There was a lot of pressure here this week."

## Control

He had the better of the opening game, but Martin appeared to have gained control when he took the second.

Jahangir forced the pace in the third but the points trickled away in the fourth, and it seemed a desperation measure at 4-0 when he asked for the change of referee.

After being told it was "perfectly competent refereeing," by tournament director Andrew Shelley, Jahangir re-applied himself to the task of winning.

The fourth game proved to be beyond recall, but there was no stopping Jahangir in the fifth. A

mixture of power and forecourt finesse earned him a string of winners and put him quickly in control. By the time Martin responded it was too late.

The petite Devoy's 8-10 10-8-9-3-9-6 triumph reversed the result of the world championship final in Amsterdam last month.

"Martine was number one for a few weeks, but one swallow does not a summer make," Devoy said.

Devoy, 25, had too much consistency and all-round firepower for her tall left-handed rival, whose languid left-handed skills were not backed up with the court speed she needed on the night.

In particular, Devoy's backhand drop shot into the corner proved too much for Le Moignan to handle.

"I started very tentatively and played just as well as I was allowed to. She made some great shots in the first game," Devoy said.

The tall strong Le Moignan scored well with superbly disguised boasts in the first game.

But Devoy began to read them better in the second game. She led 6-0 in game two, fell 7-6 behind as Le Moignan rallied, then survived a game ball against her to level the match.

From then on, the result seemed inevitable. Le Moignan had little left to offer and Devoy sealed her victory in an hour.

## Celtics go overtime to beat Hornets

NEW YORK, April 18, (AP): Robert Parish scored 21 points and keyed Boston's overwhelming advantage on the boards with 22 rebounds last night as the Celtics defeated the Charlotte Hornets 113-108 in overtime.

Brian Shaw hit three free throws in the final 22 seconds of overtime to seal the victory, Boston's fifth straight over the Hornets. Shaw, who had 12 rebounds, scored all five of his points from the line.

Reggie Lewis finished with 26 points and 10 rebounds and Kevin McHale added 18 points and 11 rebounds for Boston, which outboarded the Hornets 73-44.

Boston took a 110-104 lead in overtime on a pair of offensive rebounds and inside jumpers by Parish.

The Hornets came back with four straight points and had the opportunity to tie the score when Kelly Tripucka was fouled with 26 seconds left. But Tripucka, an 86.6 per cent free-throw shooter, missed both free throws.

Rex Chapman led all scorers with 29 points for Charlotte.

Akeem Olatunji scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half and paced a fourth-quarter rally that gave Houston a 99-91 victory over San Antonio.

Michael Jordan awoke a sluggish Chicago offense with 20 points in the fourth quarter as the Bulls ended a six-game losing streak by defeating the New York Knicks 104-100.

Karl Malone made a pair of layups and a free throw to open a six-point lead in the fourth quarter and Utah Jazz stayed in command to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 108-102.

Eddie Johnson scored 21 of his 24 points in a lopsided second period as the Phoenix Suns got their eighth consecutive victory and the biggest victory margin in the National Basketball Association this season, beating the Sacramento Kings 140-85.

Seattle took its first lead of the game on Sedale Threatt's jumper with 2:12 remaining in overtime and the SuperSonics posted a 116-109 victory over the Golden State Warriors.

| Results |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| Boston  | 113 Charlotte    |
| Chicago | 104 New York     |
| Houston | 99 San Antonio   |
| Utah    | 108 LA Clippers  |
| Phoenix | 140 Sacramento   |
| Seattle | 116 Golden State |

## Stanley Cup

NEW YORK, April 18, (Reuters): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) Stanley Cup playoff games yesterday:

**Patrick Division Finals**  
Pittsburgh Penguins 4 Philadelphia Flyers 3 (Penguins lead best-of-seven series, 1-0)

**Adams Division Finals**  
Montreal Canadiens 3 Boston Bruins 2 (Canadiens lead best-of-seven series, 1-0)

## Faber upsets Maleeva in first round

LARGO, Fla., April 18, (Reuters): Unseeded American Donna Faber took advantage of third-seeded Katerina Maleeva's failures from the service line to score an opening round upset at the \$200,000 Tampa Open tennis tournament yesterday.

Faber posted a 6-3 1-6 6-3 win over 10th-ranked Maleeva, who had 11 double faults, including eight in the third set.

"I never served like that in my life," said Maleeva, playing her second tournament since undergoing surgery on her right shoulder last January.

"I guess I have to learn everything all over again. I can not accept that I lost to her," the frustrated Bulgarian said.

Faber, ranked 80th in the world, acknowledged it was her best victory. The 18-year-old left-hander turned professional at the

Australian Open in January.

"I was playing pretty well in the beginning. I was hitting out. Even though she won the second set pretty easily, I knew I was still in it. Instead of getting impatient I just took my time a little more," Faber said after the baseline duel.

Maleeva's serve deserted her in the final set.

## Broke

In the sixth game, Maleeva double faulted three straight times to put Faber ahead 4-2. The Bulgarian broke right back to bring the set back on serve only to double fault three more times in the eighth game. Faber held at love to end the match.

Sixth seed Sandra Cecchini advanced, but not without a struggle. The Italian rallied for a 5-7 6-2 6-2 win over Argentine Patricia

Tarabini, who said she was still recovering from a broken ankle that sidelined her for eight months last year.

Two other seeds advanced. Seventh seed Susan Sloane beat fellow-American Ann Grossman 7-5 6-1, and eighth seed Conchita Martinez of Spain beat Angeliki Kanellopoulou of Greece 6-2 6-2.

Top seed Gabriela Sabatini, riding high after handing world number one Steffi Graf her first defeat of the year last Sunday, was to play her first-round match today.

Former world number one Tracy Austin will play her opening match against fellow-American Halle Cioffi tomorrow. It will be the second singles match this year for Austin, who is making a comeback after five years off the tour due to recurring back and neck injuries.

## Red Sox rally to edge Orioles

NEW YORK, April 18, (AP): Mike Greenwell hit a two-run homer as the Boston Red Sox rallied for five runs in the eighth inning yesterday to beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-4.

Ellis Burks led off the Boston eighth with a triple off Brian Holton, 1-2. Greenwell then hit his fourth homer of the season. A 420-foot blast into the bleachers in right center.

The Red Sox scored another run when Mark Williamson walked Rick Cerone with the bases loaded. Williamson was replaced by Kevin Hickey, who struck out Wade Boggs before

giving up a two-single to Marty Barrett.

The Orioles scored in the ninth on an RBI single by Randy Milligan and a sacrifice fly by pinch-hitter Jim Traber. But reliever Bob Stanley earned his second save by retiring Rene Gonzalez on a game-ending fielder's choice.

Andy Hawkins pitched a five-hitter for his first American League victory and Roberto Kelly drove in four runs, three with a ninth-inning triple, as the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-2.

Devon White doubled home a

run in the first inning and started a two-run ninth with another double as California won its third straight game and second consecutive shutout behind the six-hit pitching of Kirk McCaskill and Bryan Harvey. The Angels beat the Chicago White Sox 1-0.

| Results       |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Boston        | 6 Baltimore            |
| New York      | 7 Toronto              |
| California    | 3 Chicago              |
| Milwaukee     | 8 Texas                |
| Seattle       | 7 Oakland              |
| Montreal      | 2 Chicago              |
| New York      | 5 Philadelphia         |
| St. Louis     | 4 Pittsburgh           |
| San Francisco | 9 San Diego            |
| Cincinnati    | 3 Los Angeles (10-ins) |

## Knowles goes out in first round

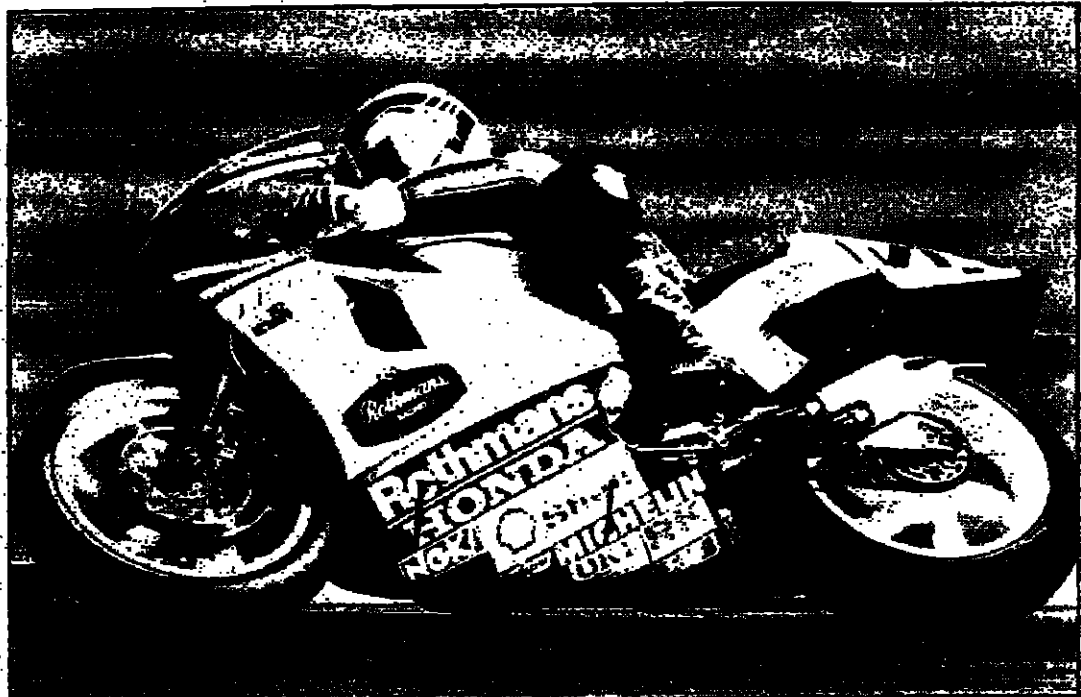
SHEFFIELD, England, April 18, (Reuters): Englishman Tony Knowles, who caused one of the biggest upsets in the history of the World Snooker Championship seven years ago, became a shock first-round loser himself yesterday.

Knowles, whose main claim of fame was his 10-1 victory over title favourite Steve Davis in the first round of the 1982 championship, lost 10-6 to David Roe of England, who has not previously qualified for the competition proper.

Knowles trailed 5-4 going into the final session.

## Young American rider's life no longer threatened

Gardner caused his own crash



Gardner expects to take part in the Austrian Grand Prix on June 4

Gardner was treated for a broken bone in his lower left leg after he crashed on the 11th lap of

the 40-lap race, which was won by American Wayne Rainey, a Yamaha rider who leads the

series points standings. A hospital spokesman said last night that Gardner was in good

condition and was expected to be released today.

Gardner said he caused his own crash when he caught his foot during a fast turn, sending his Honda bike sprawling.

The star rider was treated by the Grand Prix tour's doctor, Claudia Costa, who said Gardner should be walking in about three weeks. The Australian rider said he hoped to return to the circuit for the June 4 race in Austria.

Kevin Magee of Australia, a team-mate of Rainey, is in a San Francisco Bay area hospital recovering from surgery on his broken lower left leg.

**Crashed**

Magee and Shobert's cycles collided in a freak accident on the cool-down lap following the end of the race.

Shobert, who was riding alongside and talking to Lawson, crashed into the back of Magee, who had either stopped or slowed to almost a stop.

Although a rookie on the world tour, Shobert is well known on the US circuit and the winner of eight various national championships.

## Mekonnen and Kristiansen win

BOSTON, April 18, (Reuters): With a dazzling late burst of speed, Abebe Mekonnen of Ethiopia finally shook off constant shadow Juma Ikangaa yesterday to win the 93rd Boston marathon.

Mekonnen crossed the finish line in central Boston in two hours nine minutes six seconds, 48 seconds ahead of Tanzania's Ikangaa who was runner-up for the second consecutive year.

"This is really one of the great victories in the world," said Mekonnen, who said he was inspired by Sunday's victory in Rotterdam by world record-holding compatriot Belaneh Densimo.

**Duplicating**

Ireland's John Treacy prevented an African sweep of the top three places by duplicating last year's third place finish with a time of 2:10:23. Kenyan Ibrahim Hussein, who won last year's race by one second, was fourth in 2:12:30.

World record holder Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway, outclassed the women's field with a comfortable 2:24:33 victory.

Mekonnen and Kristiansen each collected \$45,000 for winning the world's oldest annual marathon.

Kristiansen, who had been training at high altitude in Boulder, Colorado, had said she would try to break the 2:20 mark. But temperatures of over 60 degrees (16 Celsius) and the steep hills over the second half of the 26.2-mile (42.19 km) course made a world record unlikely from the outset.

Kristiansen ran nearly the entire race surrounded by men with none of her competitors in sight.

"I was by myself the whole race. I saw no other women," Kristiansen said.

Marguerite Buist of New Zealand finished second more than four minutes behind the Norwegian in 2:29:04. American Kim Jones was third in 2:29:34.

Joan Benoit Samuelson, the 1984 Olympic champion and course record holder, faded from second place at 20 kilometres and finished a disappointing ninth in 2:37:51. It was her first loss to Kristiansen in three races.

Mekonnen and Ikangaa pulled away from the pack of leaders that included Hussein and early pace-setter Saimon Robert Haali of Tanzania at the foot of the first of three steep climbs at 27 kilometres.

For the next 13 kilometres a

dramatic duel developed between the two as they ran shoulder-to-shoulder or on each other's heels.

At the foot of Heartbreak Hill, a sharp 660 metre incline that has ended the race for many a marathoner, Treacy entered the picture, approximately 100 metres behind the leaders.

With the crowd in this heavily Irish-American city urging him on, the game Irishman made a valiant effort but could not close the gap on the two Africans.

"I want to say that I really admire John Treacy — the way he came from far behind. If he had continued with us...he would have won this race," Mekonnen said.

When Mekonnen, winner of the 1988 Tokyo marathon, made his final move, he increased the distance between himself and Ikangaa with every stride.

## Never

The confident 25-year-old Ethiopian, ranked fourth in the world, never again looked back over his shoulder until he crossed the finish line in triumph.

Mekonnen's coach, Nigusse Roba, attributed his country's marathon successes to rigorous training.

"Some people say it is because of the high altitude. It is not," he said. "We have a systematic training programme and many talented young runners."



Kristiansen raises her arms in victory. (Reuters wirephoto)



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Top jockey

LONDON, April 18, (Reuters): Desert Orchid's jockey Simon Sherwood is to retire and will not ride the horse again. Sherwood, beaten only once in 10 rides on the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, is to give up before the British jump racing season ends early in June.

## Neutral umpires

WELLINGTON, April 18, (Reuters): Steve Woodward, a leading New Zealand cricket umpire accused by Pakistan of bias, backed his country's support for neutral umpiring today.

## Indian cricketer

PORT-OF-SPAIN, April 18, (Reuters): Indian cricketer Mohammed Azharuddin has a groin injury which will require surgery and is unlikely to play in the remainder of the tour of the West Indies.

## Nice Open

NICE, France, April 18, (Reuters): Third seed Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina opened the European clay court tennis season with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Belgian Eduardo Masso at the \$155,000 Nice Open yesterday.

## World chess

BARCELONA, Spain, April 18, (Reuters): Yugoslav grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubojevic retained his lead in the World Chess Cup here yesterday, winning his 15th round match against Iceland's Johan Hjartarson in a Sicilian defence after 43 moves.

## Mike Tyson

LOS ANGELES, April 18, (UPI): Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was asked yesterday by city prosecutors to appear at a May 12 hearing to determine if he will be charged with striking a parking lot attendant.

## Italian player

ROME, April 18, (Reuters): High-scoring Napoli striker Andrea Carnevale was summoned to the Italian squad for the first time in his career yesterday for soccer friendlies against Uruguay and Hungary.

## Globetrotters to play match in Kuwait

THE Harlem Globetrotters basketball team due on the Winston Arab world tour, including Kuwait, this may be "the real thing," says a spokesman for the promoters, quelling rumours that the tour might be a repeat performance of the scam tour of two years ago.

"The organisers of a previous basketball tour gave newspapers and the public the impression that the team they were going to see was the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters, but they were not. They were actually a team called the New Harlem Team who try to imitate the style of the Globetrotters — but not very successfully," the spokesman said.

The Globetrotters will be playing against their rivals the Washington Generals in Kuwait on May 15.

## Arsenal defy League after soccer disaster

LONDON, April 18, (Reuters): English First Division soccer leaders Arsenal defied the Football League and called off this evening's League match against Wimbledon as a mark of respect to the victims of Saturday's Hillsborough tragedy.

The League yesterday turned down Arsenal's request to postpone the game.

But after a special board meeting Arsenal chief executive Ken Friar said: "Our hearts go out to the people of Liverpool and, in view of the sad events at Hillsborough, we feel it would be entirely inappropriate to play our League match against Wimbledon so soon after Saturday's tragedy."

Saturday's FA Cup semifinal between Liverpool and Nottingham was called off after only six minutes when later-arriving spectators at the Liverpool end of the Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield surged forward, crushing 94 fans to death.

Theoretically, Arsenal now face a big fine and the possibility of having championship points deducted for failing to fulfil the fixture.

But they have put the League, who have already sanctioned the postponement of games involving the two Merseyside clubs, Everton and Liverpool, in a dilemma.

Although they deducted two points from Tottenham — later commuted to a £15,000 fine for failing to fulfil their opening fixture of the season — the League will face charges of insensitivity if they attempt to punish Arsenal in this week's terrible circumstances.

The League have agreed to postpone the top-of-the-table clash between Liverpool and Arsenal next Sunday as a mark of respect. Meanwhile, Liverpool began a week of official mourning yesterday for 94 soccer fans crushed to death.

The week of mourning was decreed by the City Council whose leader, Kevan Coombes, gave assurances of financial help to unemployed and poor relatives of the victims.

"Nobody will be prevented from getting loved ones back by lack of money or prevented from making funeral arrangements," he said.



Princess Diana listens as an injured soccer fan, Stephen Williams, relates the events of Saturday's incident. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Milan bid to eliminate Real

Italian trio seek European glory

LONDON, April 18, (Reuters): AC Milan will be bidding to eliminate Real Madrid from the European Cup for the first time in four attempts and launch a new era of Italian soccer supremacy when they meet the Spaniards in the second leg of their outstanding Champions' Cup semifinal tomorrow.

Milan, leading Italy's bid for a trio of finalists in all three European club soccer tournaments, fell to the Spaniards in the semifinals in 1956, the final in Brussels the following year and in the second round in 1963-64.

But, inspired by their brilliant Dutchmen Frank Rijkaard, Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten, they are poised to erase their past disappointments by securing a place in this season's final in Barcelona on May 24.

There, the 1963 and 1969 winners are likely to meet 1986 winners Steaua Bucharest who travel to Izmir to meet Turkish cham-

pions Galatasaray with the luxury of a 4-0 first leg advantage in the other semifinals.

A Milan victory, together with success for Sampdoria, who meet holders Mechelen in the Cup Winners' Cup semifinals, and Napoli, who play Bayern Munich for a place in the UEFA Cup final, could give the Italians three finalists as they prepare to host next year's World Cup finals.

With the tie balanced at 1-1 following the first leg in Madrid two weeks ago, Milan have to beware the danger of Madrid's supreme counter-attacking skills as they charge forward.

Captain Franco Baresi, who gave an outstanding display in the Milan defence in the first leg, warned: "It will be a much tougher match than the first leg. They know we will attack them and they'll have all the counter-measures ready."

While the two star-laden

favourites collide in Milan, Steaua should have little trouble in completing a comfortable aggregate triumph over Galatasaray, the first Turks to reach the last four of any European tournament.

## Orders

The Romanian Army team will be without the joint leading scorer in the competition Marius Lacatus through suspension, but Galatasaray — playing in Izmir under orders from UEFA for crowd misbehaviour in Istanbul earlier in the season — will miss their suspended striker Tanju Colak and midfielder Ugur Tutuncer more acutely.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, Sampdoria's hopes of success may depend on how adequately they cope with the absence through injury and suspension of Italian international striker Gianluca Viali and defenders Amedeo Carboni, Moreno Nannini and Marco Lanna.

Holders Mechelen, 2-1 ahead from the first leg, remain confident they can survive despite Viali's away goal for the Italians to secure a place in the final in Bern on May 10.

Their likely opponents there are Barcelona to travel to Bulgaria to meet Sredets Sofia with a 4-2 lead.

In the UEFA Cup, Bayern Munich of West Germany hope to stop Diego Maradona's Napoli completing a possible trio of Italian finalists, but have to overcome a 2-0 deficit to succeed.

The Italians, masters of defensive play, seem likely to go through however to face West Germany's VFB Stuttgart or East Germany's Dynamo Dresden in the two-legged final.

## Scotland recall Nevin and Durie

GLASGOW, April 18, (Reuters): Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh has recalled Everton winger Pat Nevin and Chelsea striker Gordon Durie in a bid to boost the attacking power of his side for next week's World Cup qualifier here against Cyprus.

"There will be a packed defence and we need a lot of strings to our bow," Roxburgh said yesterday. "So we intend being extremely positive in this match."

Scotland, who beat France 2-0 last month, lead qualifying Group Five after winning three of their four matches so far.

## England name squad for qualifier

LONDON, April 18, (Reuters): Nottingham Forest striker Nigel Clough was set to follow in the footsteps of his father Brian when he was named in England's soccer squad yesterday for next week's World Cup qualifying match here against Albania.

McMahon has not figured in Robson's plans since his substitute appearance against the Soviet Union in the last of the European Championship final fixtures last year.

He was injured for this season's opening two games against Denmark and Sweden and could not regain his place against Saudi Arabia, Greece or

Albania. However in recent months McMahon has played a big part in Liverpool's resurgence which could see them win both the League and the FA Cup.

Squad: Goalkeepers: Peter Shilton, David Seaman, Chris Woods. Defenders: Terry Butcher, Des Walker, Tony Adams, Paul Parker, Stuart Pearce, Tony Doris.

Midfielders: Neil Webb, Bryan Robson, Steve Hodge, Paul Gascoigne, Steve McMahon, David Rocastle.

## Richardson holds West Indies together

India dismissed for 150 in first innings

PORT-OF-SPAIN, April 18, (Reuters): A chanceless 77 by Richie Richardson held the West Indies together after a disastrous start to their second innings on the third day of the third Test against India yesterday.

The hosts, 26 for four at one stage, recovered to 199 for seven by the close, a lead of 363.

India had been dismissed for 150, a first innings deficit of 164. It was Richardson's third half-century of the series, following on his 194 in the first Test. He was the only batsman from either side to master a pitch far from ideal for a Test match.

He was given valuable support in the final session by Malcolm Marshall, the pair adding 61 for the seventh wicket in 25 overs.

Kapil Dev broke the stand in the first over of a new spell when Marshall, padding up, was leg before for 26.

A fine opening spell by Chetan Sharma, who took three wickets in 16 balls, combined with the unpredictable bounce of the deteriorating pitch was largely responsible for giving India their initial breakthrough.

Des Haynes and Viv Richards both received balls that popped and gave catches to guile and short leg respectively.



Richardson: only batsman to master the pitch

Gordon Greenidge may have lost his wicket because of the theatrical reaction of the entire Indian team and in particular Sharma, who has had some

stormy relations with a number of umpires on the tour. After being given out caught behind for five, the opener indicated that he had hit his boot when he had

attempted to drive a full-length ball from Sharma.

Keith Arthurton fell leg before to Kapil and Richardson's dismissal for nought left him with a total of 25 runs in the series from four innings.

He played forward when he should have been back although he was out to a superb reflex catch by Sanjay Manjrekar.

Richardson and Gus Logie guided West Indies away from trouble with an enterprising stand of 74 in 24 overs before Logie went down the pitch to Narendra Hirwani and drove a return catch into his midriff. He made 38 from only 64 balls.

The variable bounce accounted for Jeff Dujon who was bowled for three by a shooter from Shastri.

The West Indian bowlers needed an hour in the morning to finish off the India, who resumed at 12 for eight.

Courtney Walsh finally broke the stubborn 20-over ninth wicket partnership of 49 between Sharma and Ayub and then had Hirwani leg before to finish with four for 37. Marshall took five for 34.

## Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 314 (G. Logie 87, Ayub five for 117)

INDIA first innings (overnight 122 for 8)

Arum Lal c Richardson b Marshall... 39  
N. S. Lal c Marshall... 11  
R. Shastri c Logie b Marshall... 8  
D. Venkataratnam c Richardson... 2  
W. Raman c Dejon b Walsh... 17  
S. Manjrekar lbw b Marshall... 9  
Kapil Dev c Dejon b Marshall... 16  
K. More b Walsh... 2  
A. Ayub b Walsh... 29  
C. Sharma not out... 19  
N. Hirwani lbw b Walsh... 6  
Extras (b-2 lb-5 w-1 nb-8)... 16  
Total... 150

Fall of wickets: 1-32 2-48 3-50 4-61 5-68 6-89 7-93 8-99 9-148

Bowling: Ambrose 9-1-28-0, Bishop 11-4-16-0, Walsh 18-5-37-4, Marshall 17-7-34-5, Richards 12-3-28-1.

WEST INDIES second innings

G. Greenidge c More b C. Sharma... 5  
D. Haynes c Shastri b C. Sharma... 6  
R. Richardson not out... 77  
K. Arthurton lbw b Kapil Dev... 1  
V. Richardson c Manjrekar b C. Sharma... 0  
A. Logie c and b Hirwani... 38  
J. Dejon b Shastri... 3  
M. Marshall lbw b Kapil Dev... 26  
C. Ambrose not out... 13  
Extras (b-3 lb-16 w-1 nb-10)... 30  
Total (for seven wickets)... 199  
Fall of wickets: 1-17 2-18 3-23 4-26 5-100 6-119 7-180

Bowling (to date): Kapil Dev 16-3-36-2, C. Sharma 10-0-37-3, Ayub 13-1-38-0, Hirwani 15-4-32-1, Shastri 18-3-32-1, Raman 4-1-5-0.

## UEFA stands by decision to readmit English clubs

BERNE, April 18, (Reuters): The European Football Union (UEFA) said yesterday that Saturday's tragedy at Sheffield had not altered its decision to approve the return of English clubs to European competitions in the 1990-91 season.

Europe's top soccer body said in a statement issued in Bern that it had been deeply moved by the tragedy and had expressed its condolences to the English Football Association, the clubs concerned and the British government.

"As far as the return of English clubs is concerned, UEFA will not alter the position taken by its executive committee in Palma last week," it added.

"The readmission of English clubs to European competitions will take place as of the 1990-91 season, under the formal condition that the English government observes the European convention for the fight against violence in sports, and that it undertakes to support and aid the English Football Association in this matter," the statement added.

It said after an investigation into the tragedy, UEFA President Jacques Georges would seek a meeting with the British minister for sports.

"Based on the president's report, the executive committee will take the necessary decision," the statement added.

Earlier on Wednesday UEFA general secretary Gerd Aigner described the Sheffield disaster, in which 94 people died, as a serious setback for world and European soccer.

But he told Reuters it was too early to say how it would affect UEFA's decision to allow the re-entry of English clubs to European competitions after a five-year ban.

Meanwhile, Liverpool chief executive Peter Robinson commented on remarks about the Liverpool supporters from the UEFA president.

In a radio interview Georges said: "One had the impression that they were beasts who wanted to charge into an arena. It was not far from hooliganism."

Robinson said Georges should resign and added that if he refused to quit the FA should withdraw from UEFA until he was replaced.

"The UEFA president's reported comments are uninformed and most insensitive at a time when the city of Liverpool is mourning the victims of the Hillsborough tragedy," Robinson said in a statement.

"There has been no suggestion that the Liverpool supporters were involved in any kind of hooligan act in the leadup to Saturday's tragedy."

end were crushed to death, could be replayed if the Merseyside club agreed.

The FA had earmarked Sunday May 7 as a replay date for the semifinal, but chief executive Graham Kelly said yesterday they would respect Liverpool's wishes.

Smith said today the FA was putting the club under additional pressure at a time of grief by naming a new date so early.

"We consider it insensitive of the FA to make this request so soon," he said after the board meeting.



A young girl, holding her father's hand, lays a small bunch of flowers at the main entrance of the Hillsborough stadium. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Clubs want to tear down security fences

LIVERPOOL, England, April 18, (Reuters): English soccer clubs said yesterday they wanted to tear down security fences at their stadiums to ensure no more fans suffered the fate of 95 spectators crushed to death.

At the same time the British government said it would press ahead with controversial ideas for safer soccer after the tragedy at Sheffield's Hillsborough stadium when Liverpool played Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

Liverpool and London side Tottenham were among clubs calling for removal of fences, which were erected to stop pitch invasions and prevent fighting by segregating rival fans.

"We would like to have them down before our next home match," Liverpool's chief executive Peter Robinson said.

As the city of Liverpool declared a week of official mourning, Home Secretary Douglas Hurd said it was the government's duty to the dead and injured to uncover the causes of Britain's worst sporting disaster.

## Replace

Wearing a black tie in mourning, Hurd, who visited Hillsborough on Sunday with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, told parliament that the government was considering telling all football clubs to replace standing-only terraces with seats.

The deep crack in the House of Commons was broken only by cries of "shame" and "no" by opposition Labour Party politicians when Hurd said the government still planned to go ahead with a controversial identity card scheme for football club supporters.

"The government believes that the future of football in this country lies in a national membership scheme in designated grounds and now it seems also in providing all-seated accommodation at major football clubs," Hurd said.

The card scheme is intended to limit attendance at soccer matches, rooting out hooligans whose behaviour has forced clubs to erect security fences to separate supporters of rival teams and prevent them invading the pitch.

Police are bearing the brunt of the blame for deciding to open a gate at Hillsborough and allow 2,000 late-arriving Liverpool supporters to swarm on to already-crowded terraces.

The dead, mostly young men and children, were forced against the safety fences by surging men or trampled underfoot.

Hurd said an inquiry would begin immediately and one of the central questions would be examination of the police action. "We have to set our sights high and find a better way for British football," he said.

Police say the order to open the gate was given because of a dangerous crush building up outside the ground.

Hospitals in Sheffield, where Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and his wife Princess Diana arrived to visit survivors, said five people were still in a serious condition.

## Whiteside recalled for qualifier

BELFAST, April 18, (Reuters): Manchester United midfielder Norman Whiteside, plagued by an ankle injury for the past year, has been recalled to the Northern Ireland squad which travels to Malta for a crucial World Cup qualifier next week.

Whiteside, who shot to fame in 1982 in Spain as the youngest player of the World Cup finals, has had two operations on his Achilles tendon during the last year and returned to League action only this month. He last played for Northern Ireland last April in a friendly against France.

## Missed

Manager Billy Bingham also recalled Queen's Park Rangers central back Alan McDonald, who missed the previous Northern Ireland Group Six match, a 2-0 defeat to Spain in February, through suspension.

Sheffield Wednesday's Nigel Worthington, despite a groin injury, has also been summoned for the April 26 game to boost the team's remote hopes of qualifying for next summer's finals in Italy.

Northern Ireland are currently third in their group with three points from four games.

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